

Paper's victory on MI6 ban

The *Sunday Times* claimed a "significant victory" yesterday in its High Court attempt to beat the ban on reporting the memoirs of Anthony Cavendish, the former MI6 officer.

After a two-and-a-half-hour private hearing Mr Justice Kennedy relaxed the injunction granted to the Attorney General at the beginning of the month to allow almost two thirds of the book *Inside Intelligence* to be published.

The ruling came after the judge adjourned the case for three and a half hours to allow the Attorney General to specify by marking the book with a blue pencil which parts would not affect national security.

Lawyers for the newspaper said outside court the parts of the book still under the ban relate mostly to Mr Cavendish's work with the security service from 1948 to 1953.

Mr Martin Kramer, a solicitor, said it allowed them to publish information gained by Mr Cavendish about the security service as an outsider, but not as an insider. He believed it was now open to them to publish extracts relating to the late Sir Maurice Oldfield, the former Director General of MI6 who Mr Cavendish claimed was the subject of a smear campaign alleging involvement with male prostitutes.

Mr Kramer said that once the newspaper had time to consider the parts specified by the Attorney General it may still come back to court with a further challenge. The *Observer* newspaper, which was also banned by the High Court from publishing the memoirs, was not party to the action.

The Government's long-running fight to suppress *Spycatcher*, Peter Wright's best-selling memoirs, enters its next round on Monday.

The Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, is appealing against a High Court decision by Mr Justice Scott, refusing to impose a permanent ban on press reports of material from the book.

The judge rejected the Government's argument that newspaper articles containing extracts from the book were a threat to national security. The ruling, on December 21, was hailed as "a resounding victory for press freedom."

Factors in favour of press freedom put forward by three newspapers, *The Guardian*, *The Observer* and *The Sunday Times*, which contested the ban, were of "overwhelming weight," he ruled. Monday's Appeal Court hearing in London will be before the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Bingham.

Season's first catch of the Tay



Mr Bob Brownless, an Edinburgh businessman, holds up a 9 lb salmon, the first of the new season, which he pulled out of the Tay yesterday at the village of Keamore, Perthshire, 10 minutes after fishing began (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Dollar and shares surge after US trade figures 'turn corner'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A wave of optimism swept through the world's financial markets yesterday, pushing the dollar sharply higher, on figures showing a \$4.4 billion (£2.47 billion) drop in the American trade deficit for November.

The US figures had a dramatic effect on share prices. The FT-SE 100 index initially jumped to show a 50-point gain, before steadying to close 43.3 points up at 1,786.7, a rise of £2.2 billion in stock market values.

Shares of companies with big dollar earnings rose particularly sharply, with Glaxo, Becton, KCI, BOC and BAT Industries all up strongly.

The dollar's surge pushed the pound down by 4 cents to \$1.780. The US currency also rose by nearly 4 pence to DM1.6735 and from ¥126.65 to ¥130.40.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was 54.21 points up at 1,970.32 in afternoon trading. New York analysts said the data showed the US trade deficit was at last turning the corner.

Sentiment in London was also helped by news of a sharp drop in Britain's inflation rate to 3.7 per cent in the year to December, down from 4.1 per

cent in November, and the lowest for a year.

The US trade figures had been keenly awaited in the financial markets, in the knowledge that another large deficit could have resulted in a repeat of the turmoil that led to Wall Street's Black Monday, last October.

But the figures, showing a big narrowing of the deficit to \$13.22 billion (£7.4 billion) in November, from \$17.63 billion in October, were warmly received.

"The markets greeted these figures with something approaching euphoria," said Mr Ian Harwood, economist at the City firm of Warburg Securities. "They were better than people dared hope."

"What we have seen today is a huge sign of relief," said Mr Geoffrey Dennis, economist at James Capel, the broker - although he added: "It could be another false dawn."

Mr Martin Fitzwater, the White House press spokesman, said the trade figures showed the "export sector is

leading the growth in the economy."

President Reagan himself, boarding a helicopter for a medical check at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, said: "As I've been saying all along, the fundamentals of the United States' economy remain sound."

Mr David Jones, an economist at the Wall Street broker Aulby Lunt & Co, said: "Consumer demand may be cooling off. That's exactly what we need for a permanent reduction in the trade deficit."

The American government bond market jumped by two points in the belief that, with the pressure off the dollar, the Federal Reserve Board in Washington will not need to raise interest rates.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has repeatedly called for higher US interest rates in recent weeks. On Thursday, in the Commons debate on his Autumn Statement, he attacked US economic policy and called for further reductions in the budget deficit.

Treasury officials said yesterday that the Chancellor did not have any advance notice of the American figures, and pointed out that it was often

dangerous to read too much into one month's data.

There were also warnings in the financial markets about the size of the US trade deficit, which is likely to have totalled \$170 billion last year, and may decline only gradually.

One worry about the dollar's sharp recovery, if sustained, is that it could add to pressure for a rise in base rates in Britain. Yesterday, money market interest rates firmed to a level consistent with a half-point rise in base rates from their present 8.5 per cent.

Last month's inflation figures, showing the sharpest drop in the rate since April 1986, were encouraging for the Government, but they also underlined how out of line with inflation the growth in earnings has become.

Figures published on Thursday showed a rise in average earnings of 8.25 per cent in the 12 months to November, 4.5 points above last month's inflation rate of 3.7 per cent.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said excessive pay awards endangered the Government's economic strategy and jeopardized jobs growth.

Rebel Tories defy Thatcher on secrets Bill

Majority cut to 37 despite 3-line whip

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government and the Prime Minister received a severe rebuff yesterday as they crushed the Conservative backbench attempt to reform the official secrets law but suffered in the process the biggest revolt since the general election and one of the most serious since 1979.

The Government's 101 majority fell to just 37 as it defeated Mr Richard Shepherd's Protection of Information Bill after a second reading debate.

Mrs Thatcher's tactics of ordering all her MPs to attend to see off a private member's measure were savagely condemned on her own side of the House.

Nineteen Conservative MPs voted against the Government. About 50 more deliberately abstained, defying

the three-line whip which the Government had imposed in a break with precedent.

The rebels included Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, and Mr John Biffen and Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet ministers.

Among those going into the lobby with Mr Shepherd were many MPs, such as Sir Anthony Buck, chairman of the backbench defence committee, who have been regarded as loyalists, a measure of the irritation which had been caused.

Parliament

It was being accepted on all sides last night that without the three-line whip against him Mr Shepherd would undoubtedly have won.

Although the Government's tactics succeeded senior MPs, still indignant at their treatment, were warning last night that it had already used up a lot of the backbench good will it will need to get through the next few difficult months.

More than 190 Labour MPs attended to support Mr Shepherd, a huge turnout for a Friday debate on which they were not officially whipped. Ironically the 33 votes of the Labour MPs who did not attend and the six Alliance MPs who did not vote would have been just enough to get the Bill through.

The rebel leaders claimed immediately after the vote that 30 Conservative MPs who had not attended had deliberately abstained.

The whips countered by suggesting that a large number of the non-attenders, in addition to ministers with duties in some far-flung parts, had been given leave of absence.

Although it was impossible to be sure it appeared that about 50 of the absent would not have been in the government lobby had they attended.

After the vote Mr Shepherd said: "I never doubted that Parliament would stand up for itself." He said that the Government had asked backbenchers to "jump like puppets."

The voting was 271 to 234 against the Bill having a second reading.

The big rebellion came despite an appeal during the debate from Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to MPs to await the Government's own proposals which are to come in a White Paper in June with legislation expected soon afterwards.

He said that although the Government had been work-

ing since April last year on proposals to reform Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, which he said was too wide and too weak, the Government had not reached conclusions on some of the matters which Mr Shepherd's Bill covered.

He said it was simply not sensible to "scratch and scurry at this" or to take a gallop at the necessary detailed work in order to get round a tactical difficulty.

The matter should be dealt with by a government Bill. "The Government should propose, Parliament should dispose."

He again declined to spell out what the Government had in mind or its detailed objections to Mr Shepherd's Bill. "It would be silly for ministers to start pronouncing on part of their work until they can consider the whole."

Mr Hurd said the task of reforming Section 2 had become crucial for the proper functioning of modern democratic government and it should be done in an orderly and sensible way.

In one of the best Friday debates Mr Hurd could remember, the Government and implicitly Mrs Thatcher were subjected to a string of withering onslaughts.

Sir Ian Gilmour delighted the Bill's supporters with a sustained attack in which he said the Government was wearing the same "boomer boots" it had been using in the courts - for the past few months.

The executive, he said, was dictating to the House in all its "baked cradles". He said: "The three-line whip is the parliamentary equivalent of the injunctions being issued against almost all our serious newspapers."

Mr Heath, receiving his now customary cheers from the Labour benches, said it was "completely and absolutely unacceptable" for the Government to have imposed the three-line whip.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said he could not believe the House would be so supine as to buy Mr Hurd's "pig in a poke".

Mr Shepherd told MPs that his Bill was "an appropriate vehicle for the proper discussion of issues that go to the heart of the relationship between citizens and the state and the Commons and the executive."

Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader, said it could have been a day of pride when the House exerted its control over the executive.

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US agrees to pull jets out of Spanish bases

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States and Spain announced yesterday that 72 American F-16 fighters will be withdrawn from Spanish soil, a move the Reagan Administration believes will do little damage to Western defences. Military experts, however, fear the move will seriously damage NATO's southern flank.

Washington's decision to accede to Spanish demands came after nearly two years of difficult negotiations over the American military presence.

The agreement will run for eight years but can be extended.

State Department officials said they were pleased with the deal because it allowed the US to continue using two other smaller air bases and the important naval base at Rota, near the Strait of Gibraltar.

But Pentagon sources took a more gloomy view. "This leaves a hole in NATO's southern flank," one official said.

MADRID: Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, expressed delight at the agreement, and said it was "exactly what Spain sought".

Sean MacBride, Irish patriot, dies aged 83

By John Cooney

Mr Sean MacBride, the holder of the Nobel and Lenin peace prizes and a former IRA chief of staff, died yesterday in Dublin, aged 83.

The Irish Republic's most celebrated constitutional and criminal lawyer, he was a co-founder and chairman of Amnesty International. He was also a principal architect of the European Convention on Human Rights.

He built up his international reputation as a human rights champion from 1963-1971 as Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists.

His stature as a world figure was enhanced in the early 1970s when as

United Nations commissioner for Namibia, he campaigned for its freedom from South African rule.

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, described Mr MacBride as a statesman of international status, whose public career spanning more than 60 years was imbued with a strong sense of Irish patriotism.

Mr MacBride, who was born in Paris, still spoke with a French accent. Despite a frail appearance, he continued to be active at the Irish bar and to travel worldwide until he became ill shortly after Christmas.

His father, Major John MacBride, was executed by the British army for taking part in the 1916 Easter Rising.

His mother was Maud Gonne, a fiery Irish republican beauty whom the poet William Butler Yeats courted unsuccessfully.

A close associate of Michael Collins and Eamon de Valera, the Irish independence leaders, Mr MacBride opposed the terms of the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty, partitioning Ireland. He rose to become IRA chief of staff.

Later he tried to take the gun out of Irish politics and became leader of a political party. From 1948-51 he was minister for external affairs. He was the last surviving founder of the Council of Europe, of which the statute was signed at St James's Palace in London on May 6, 1949.

In 1974 he was awarded the Nobel

peace prize and in 1977 he added the Lenin international peace prize to his collection of medals. In 1978 he became the first recipient of the American Medal of Justice.

Mr MacBride was often a controversial figure. He provoked angry reactions from the Western media for his Unesco study on Third World news coverage.

More recently he was a thorn in the British Government's side in the form of "the MacBride Principles". These set out guidelines urging American employers to take positive action to end religious discrimination in companies run by them in Northern Ireland.

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Steel aims to restore authority

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr David Steel will attempt to restore his battered authority today by telling Liberals and Social Democrats that a merger must go ahead.

The Liberal leader, after three days of shambles which have left the prospects for merger hanging in the balance, will warn his party at the Liberal international executive committee meeting in London that the alternative to a single broad progressive centre-left force would be a number of small and divided sects.

Colleagues of Mr Steel said yesterday that it was now touch-and-go whether the Liberals could achieve the necessary two-thirds majority at next weekend's conference.

Mr Robert Maclellan said yesterday that the proposed merger would be judged by party members and the public alike at the end of negotiations.

Arab-Israeli clash at Muslim shrines

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Palestinian demonstrators fought fierce running battles with Israeli security forces yesterday at the two great Muslim places of worship within the walled al-Aqsa enclosure in Jerusalem.

The fighting erupted after Friday prayers on a day of mourning for the 40 or more Palestinians said to have been "martyred" by the Israelis in five weeks of disturbances. During the day yet another "martyr" was added to the list when a youth was shot and killed in Gaza after knifing a soldier in the leg.

The Israeli security forces had expected trouble, particularly at the mosque, and drafted more than 1,000 troops into the Old City.

At the end of prayers an Arab demonstration started at the south-eastern side of the mosque. Israeli and American flags were burnt and as white-helmeted border police moved in, the first stones were thrown.

A running battle then broke out the length and breadth of the enclosure and tear gas was fired into the crowds.

Police then began driving the Arab women back towards the golden Dome of the Rock and the men towards the al-Aqsa mosque.

A stretcher party from the Red Crescent first aid post by the Dome of the Rock, equipped with gas masks, ran back and forth dodging the charges from both sides, collecting those overcome by the fumes or beaten to the ground.

Five Arab youths were arrested and 17 needed hospital treatment. Palestinian sources said five others were injured in several clashes on the West Bank.

EEC backlash: Israeli officials are now resigned to the European Parliament refusing next week to ratify a new trade protocol because of disapproval over the situation in the occupied territories.

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NEXT WEEK



Waldheim and the Nazis

Austrian President Kurt Waldheim faces an international commission of historians soon to answer charges that he knew about Nazi atrocities committed in the Balkans - against British commandos, among others. Starting on Monday, *The Times* unravels the documentary evidence.

Jumbo answer

The solution to *The Times* Christmas Jumbo Crossword and the names of five readers who won prizes for solving it are published today. Page 17

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Ski alert

Have you taken out adequate insurance if you are going skiing this winter? Family Money, pages 28-30

Portfolio Gold

● There is £12,000 to win in today's *Times* Portfolio Gold competition, the weekly prize of £8,000 and the daily prize of £4,000.
● Yesterday's £8,000 daily prize - twice the usual amount because there was no winner on Thursday - was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.
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Heart doctors call for extra beds to save sick children

By Ian Smith

Consultants at a leading heart centre said yesterday that adults and children will die unless more intensive-care beds are urgently provided.

Children must wait 12 months for heart operations because of the acute shortage of beds at Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds, the doctors say.

They called on Yorkshire Regional Health Authority to relieve what they describe as an extremely damaging situation, forecasting tragedies unless at least three additional intensive-care unit beds are added this year.

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Their letter, which mirrors problems facing Birmingham Children's Hospital, is signed by Dr Martin Miers, chairman of the hospital consultants committee, three heart surgeons, five heart specialists, four anaesthetists and a cardio-radiologist.

It says that unless the waiting lists are cut, they foresee "an extremely damaging situation where increasing numbers of both adults and children will die".

Its contents will be considered by the regional health authority management board which is advising on an allocation of a forthcoming £847 million budget. Regional health spending has been cut this year to prevent a projected £9 million overspend.

Operations on 40 children

Tebbit renews attack on BBC news coverage

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, former chairman of the Conservative Party, renewed his attack on the BBC last night, criticising its coverage of the present health service controversy.

Mr Tebbit, who had a running battle with the BBC over alleged political bias before the general election, claimed that the corporation, and Radio Four's *Today* programme in particular, had lost interest in South Africa and was broadcasting instead a "torrent of NHS horror stories".

These were "thickly spread through the breakfast time,

current affairs and news broadcasts, and naturally the soap operas too", he said.

Mr Tebbit, speaking at Weybridge, Surrey, said he welcomed discussion on the NHS but the public was being fed a diet of "horror stories of wards closing, beds out of use from lack of nurses, or essential operations delayed by lack of medical equipment".

He said public debate on the NHS should centre on certain fundamental questions, such as limits to NHS expenditure, methods of raising funds, efficiency and privatisation.

Children suffering heart de-

fects are referred to Killingbeck from throughout the North of England and frequently from other parts of the country. Over the past two years 200 children needing heart surgery have joined the hospital waiting list.

An additional 120 children need emergency surgery. To meet increasing demand the hospital should be performing about 325 operations each year.

Because of the beds shortage the number of young heart patients treated has fallen by 30 to 40 below the target figure.

Adult patients are having to wait up to nine months for surgery, competing with child patients for the six intensive-care unit beds available.

Work on an intensive-care unit extension, funded by £184,000 left in the will of a retired Leeds piano tuner and £100,000 raised by Mr Walker, was postponed last November when planners discovered that ventilation did not conform to standards.

Yorkshire Regional Health Authority said it was fully aware of the pressures at Killingbeck Hospital's intensive-care unit. The provision of more beds was one of a number of funding proposals under consideration for the next financial year.

● Blood transfusion workers throughout the country suspended their industrial action yesterday after Thursday night's interim agreement over new meal allowances.

Unions said further action could not be ruled out if full negotiations next Tuesday failed to produce an improved arrangement.

● The ambulance service is under-funded, Mr Neil Kimock said during a visit to the London headquarters at Waterloo.

Asked about industrial action by blood transfusion workers and nurses he said: "It is disastrous that people in these kind of services, which are very basic services, even think of the possibility of applying pressure. I want a situation where that sort of thing is not even contemplated. I want it dealt with by stopping under-funding."

The nurses and supply staff at Hill End psychiatric hospital, St Albans, were joined by staff at the St Albans City and Hemel Hempstead hospitals.

to prepare meals and clean wards after a walk-out by about 150 ancillary workers at a Scottish mental hospital.

The strike by porters, drivers and domestic staff at Gogarburn Hospital, near Edinburgh, was a continuation of a stoppage on Thursday involving 140 staff.

In Hertfordshire, 30 health workers, including 15 nurses, voted to continue their strike at a mental hospital over the suspension of two union officials.

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Hospital managers were left

cludes almost 28,000 nurses in Scotland.

Mr Ron Curran, Scottish national officer of Nupse, said his union would call next week for a two-proposed industrial campaign, including a programme of rolling strikes.

Union leaders will meet in Glasgow next Tuesday. They are expected to call for a special meeting of MPs to discuss the health service and a day of action in Scotland.

In further strike action yesterday, more than 300 staff, including 16 nurses, at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital walked out, along with nearly 400 ancillary workers at two other Edinburgh hospitals.

Hospital managers were left

Fumes of foam fire blamed for 3 deaths

A young brother and sister and a friend of their mother were suffocated by thick smoke from burning polyurethane foam in a sitting, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Peter Latham and the children's widowed mother, Mrs Margaret McCleod, were rescued from their blazing home by neighbours who were unable to reach the children because of the intense heat and choking smoke. Mr Latham died shortly afterwards.

Alexander McCleod, aged three, was found by firemen lying on the floor at the foot of his bed. His sister Mhairi, aged six, was later discovered on a mattress hanging between rafters below her partially collapsed bedroom floor.

The inquest at Northampton was told that all three died from inhalation of fumes, though alcohol intoxication was a contributory factor in Mr Latham's case. His blood alcohol level was found to be almost five times the legal limit for driving.

The fire at the house in West Street, Welford, Northamptonshire, happened last July after the couple had been out for the night.

Mr Paul Preston, who had been babysitting for the couple, said they had been a little depressed because it was nearing the anniversary of the death of Mrs McCleod's husband and Mr Latham was awaiting the outcome of a drink driving case.

Mr Preston told the inquest that when they returned, it was clear they had been drinking but were in a "better state" than on previous occasions. He said Mrs McCleod smoked up to 50 cigarettes a day and he had once seen her slumped unconscious with a cigarette in her hand.

The inquest was told that neighbours noticed the fire at 4am and raced to the house. Mrs McCleod and Mr Latham were dragged from the kitchen. She was severely burnt.

One of the neighbours, Mr Peter Dolman, said he attempted to get on to the first floor at the back of the house after hearing one of the children cry loudly, but he was beaten back by the flames.

Mr Tony Lane, divisional fire officer, said the fire had started at one end of the shared section "I believe this had been polyurethane-filled. This type of filling has recently attracted much comment."

In the early stages of the fire it would have generated dense smoke", he said.

He added that it had been impossible to determine what caused the fire but the most likely reason was a cigarette or match igniting the foam.

Mr Michael Colcutt, the coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death and praised the neighbours' courage.

● A man was taken to hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of fumes from a burning foam-filled three piece suite, of the type being banned by the Government.

The fire at a flat in South Parade, Southsea, Hampshire, was believed to have been caused by a cigarette.

Style advice for MPs



Mrs Ann Martin, who is advising women Conservative MPs on the art of "power dressing"

By Ruth Gledhill

A fashion consultant is to advise Conservative women MPs on dressing better. Ann Martin, who runs a Nottingham-based business which teaches women how to dress, has already been to talk to the Conservative Women's National Committee on how to make the proper use of taste and colour when it comes to feminine power dressing.

Mrs Martin, who recently urged Conservative women to "stop playing safe" and discover power clothing, said: "I cannot divulge any information about what I will be saying at the presentation. I do not want to upset the Conservative Party."

The reaction among women MPs was to suggest that Mrs Martin should address her advice to the men and not the women. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, who described herself as an impulsive dresser, declared: "I think some

of the men at the House might need the advice as much as the women".

Blue-suited Mrs Angela Rumbold, who has a reputation for smart and stylish dressing and who often wears red in spite of her red hair, said: "I would have thought that women who manage to get into the House of Commons also know how to dress."

Mrs Rosie Barnes found the idea offensive. "It is a very sexist thing to do. Some men in the House wear very funny attire. I also resent the fact that how women dress attracts so much more attention than how men dress."

Mrs Martin said the most frequent type of client is "the middle-aged lady who has gone a little grey and is not quite sure what looks good any more". She often counsels men and admitted to having advised at least one public figure and the staff of a large company. (Photograph: Steve Etherington).

Court told of girl's 'terror'

A teenager told police of the terror she felt as she tied up her former teacher next to his strangled wife to fake a burglary, a court was told yesterday.

Angela Page told police she went to the house to help Philip Ashcroft who planned to kill his wife, although she did not believe he would go through with it.

Mr Ashcroft, aged 31, and Miss Page, aged 18, deny at Liverpool Crown Court murdering his wife, Glenys, Mr Ashcroft, of St Helens, Merseyside, admits manslaughter.

Det Sgt Michael Dale told the court that in a number of interviews Miss Page finally

admitted being in the house for the killing.

She told him that Mr Ashcroft had said: "When I do it I'll need your help".

She is alleged to have told police: "He told me in the past that he wanted to get divorced or get rid of her some day".

Sgt Dale said that when Miss Page, also from St Helens, went into the house, Mr and Mrs Ashcroft were upstairs. Her statement said:

"There was arguing, banging, glass breaking, probably bottles, I think. I think she fell downstairs. They were struggling and I heard her say, 'Stop it Philip'."

Miss Page saw Mrs Ashcroft, aged 33, lying in the hall.

"He put tape round her ankles. There was blood on him."

Sgt Dale told the court that Miss Page said the teacher faked a burglary and then asked her to tie him up.

Miss Page is alleged to have said: "I was terrified but it wasn't just the body - it was everything. I knew I was going to have to help him but there was no way I was going to get involved in killing her."

"I wanted to stop him but I didn't know what to do. I never thought he would do it."

The court was told that Mr Ashcroft denied that Miss Page took any part in events leading up to his wife's death. The trial continues on Monday.

Portfolio Gold

Three win a share of prize

Three winners share a total of £28,000 in The Times Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Frank Teague, aged 72, of Bellingham, Northumberland, described his unexpected good fortune as "absolutely marvellous". Mr Teague, who retired in 1980 as a buyer for an English china clay company in Cornwall, said he could not believe his luck.

He said that the money would come in useful paying off his credit card and other debts. He was sure he would have little difficulty disposing of the remainder of his windfall with his wife's help.

Another winner was Mr Geoffrey Holroyd, of Dukes Mead, Fleet, Hampshire. Mr Holroyd, an accountant aged 35, said he had been playing the competition since it started.

He expected he would use the money to buy a new car for his wife, and would probably have enough left over to go on holiday as well.

The third winner was Mr Leon Collins, aged 55, a Leeds solicitor. Mr Collins said he intends to put his money towards the cost of buying a new house.

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Mr Geoff Holroyd: a new car for his wife.

Magnus Pyke beaten in raid

Dr Magnus Pyke, the scientist, was attacked and tied up by a raider who stole property from his home at Hammersmith, west London, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

Dr Pyke, aged 79, suffered an eye injury when he was punched and bound with ties from his wardrobe. The stolen goods were found later hidden in a street near by.

Anderton is investigated

Mr James Anderton, Greater Manchester chief constable, is being investigated by a special disciplinary committee of the police authority.

The decision is seen by many of the authority's 45 members as the first step in an attempt to oust him.

Rail deaths accused in knife arrest

John Duffy, accused of three railway murders, was arrested for possessing an offensive weapon six days before he is alleged to have murdered Mrs Anne Lock, the newly-wed secretary, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

A policeman said he saw Mr Duffy, aged 30, in the street in North Weald, Essex, on May 12, 1986. He said he recognized him as a man who was awaiting trial on a charge of assaulting his wife, causing

her actual bodily harm.

PC Peter Bassett said he stopped and said to Mr Duffy: "Hello John, what are you doing here?"

He said Mr Duffy told him he was on his way to meet a friend at Ongar and gave the officer the man's name.

PC Bassett said he asked if Mr Duffy had any objection to being searched. Mr Duffy agreed. The policeman said he found a silver butterfly knife in his jacket.

"I told him that it was identical to the knife that Margaret Duffy had described in her statement on the night he allegedly assaulted her. He said I could show her it if I wanted. Mr Duffy said, 'She would tell you it is not the one'."

PC Bassett told the court he then asked Mr Duffy what he was doing with it.

He said Mr Duffy replied: "All sorts of things. I use it at work to cut tiles with."

PC Bassett told him that was no reason for carrying it and he was arresting him for possession of an offensive weapon. Mr Duffy allegedly replied: "Oh, no."

Mr Duffy has denied the murders of Maartje Tamboezer, aged 15, Alison Day, aged 19, and Mrs Lock, aged 29, who disappeared on May 18, 1986. He has also denied seven rapes.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Old Masters modest but respectable

A week of Old Master sales came to a respectable finish in New York yesterday, although many prices remained within estimates and were modest compared with recent prices for Impressionist paintings.

Sotheby's had a 78 per cent success rate with its general paintings sale on Thursday evening, achieving a total of 10.5 million dollars (£5.7 million) for 220 lots. Top price was for a unusual view of a Brazilian sugar plantation, "Esgenho Real", by Frans Post. Featuring the master's residence and his special defence tower, it sold to an anonymous buyer for 962,500 dollars (£523,097) against an estimate of up to 800,000 dollars.

A quiet, still-life painting of a copper pot, pitcher, fish, glass, nuts and an onion by the French master, Jean-Baptiste-Simeon Chardin, sold for nearly twice its estimate at 792,000 dollars (£439,434).

An unnamed New York dealer gambled \$80,000 dollars (£47,826) on a portrait of a bearded gentleman, attributed to Rembrandt in the catalogue. Scholars such as Professor Robert Haverkamp-Begemann, of the Institute of Fine Arts, New York, consider

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By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

it to be unquestionably authentic.

Among other top lots was a portrait of a young woman with long red hair, by Cranach the Elder, which had been consigned for sale by the Metropolitan Museum, New York. At 748,000 dollars, (£406,521) it sold within its estimate to an anonymous buyer. Guardi's view of the Palazzo Ducale, Venice, sold for 440,000 dollars (£239,130).

The general feeling among the trade yesterday was that the art market remained healthy with money still flowing and buyers showing a distinct preference for quality.

In London, Bonhams held its biennial sale devoted to marine paintings with private buyers, many fresh from the Boat Show, bidding strongly. The top lot, a painting by Charles Henry Seabroth of a galleon, HMS Queen, at anchor surrounded by smaller craft at Spithead, off Portsmouth, in 1842, fetched a runaway £28,600 after being

estimated at £12,000 to £18,000.

Sotheby's three-day sale of the book collection of H W Pratley drew to a successful conclusion, with a total of £549,571 made and 2.1 per cent unsold.

Christie's rounded off the week with a record total of 11.3 million dollars (£6.4 million) for its paintings sale, in spite of the fact that 42 of the 117 lots failed to sell.

A lavish seventeenth-century still-life painting by Jan Davidsz De Heem, described as a "banquet" in the catalogue, but bearing a closer resemblance to an abandoned orgy, fetched a record price for the artist of 6.6 million dollars (£3.7 million). This was 5.4 million dollars more than the previous record.

The painting, crammed with details such as a light-eyed lobster, fruit, shells and topped by a ruffled cloth, was bought by a private buyer.

In general, it was still life

and genre paintings which fetched the highest prices, possibly because of the appeal of the subjects compared with the traditional Old Master fare of biblical scenes and battles.

Mr John van Haeften, the London dealer, spent 330,000 dollars (£185,600) on a genre scene of a family saying grace within an interior by Jan Steen. It had been estimated at up to 120,000 dollars. A painting of a wide-eyed and almost bare-bosomed girl by Boucher, the French artist, sold for the same price.

Another lavish still life, this time by Pieter de Ring, left its estimate of 60,000 to 80,000 dollars standing when it sold for 242,000 dollars. Other still lifes in demand included a hazy looking bowl of fruit by Cornelis de Heem, which sold for 242,000 dollars.

There were a number of runaway prices. The Irish painter, Thomas Roberts the Elder, came into his own, achieving 253,000 dollars, eight times the estimate, for a light-filled landscape dotted with stags and a doe.

Meanwhile, the West London Antique Fair continues apace at a record 1,500 crowd attending the opening.

Ferry hero loses his business

By David Sapsted

A truck driver who helped more than 35 people to safety when the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized has received just £3,000 compensation for the loss of his lorry and one-man haulage business.

Mr Larry O'Brien, aged 32, yesterday estimated that his losses as a result of the disaster off Zeebrugge amounted to £75,000 and that it could take him another decade to pay off his debts.

He had no maritime insurance on the night the ferry sank and consequently, the insurer's third party liability was limited to £2,900.

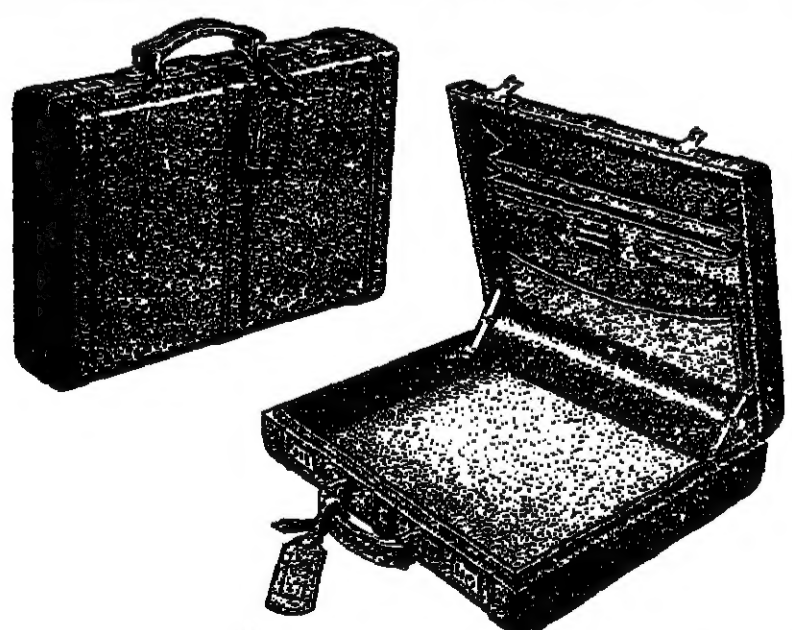
Mr O'Brien still owes money on the Ford truck he lost and was forced to shut down his business. He now works as a driver for Transcontinental Refrigeration, near his home in Co Wexford in the Irish Republic.

Mr Michael Brown, for the insurers, said last night: "It is made very clear on the tickets that the liability is limited".

He said lorry drivers should have made sure they had adequate insurance of their own. "One of the most surprising things has been the number of hauliers who did not have proper cover at sea".

Commendations will be presented on Wednesday to Alan Chapman, aged 34, and Derek McGrath, aged 29, both of Plymouth. Mick O'Brien, aged 35, of Lifford, and Buster Mottram, aged 25, of Dartmouth, and Ian Rodger, aged 28, of Yeovil.

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Social Trends

Growth in national prosperity conceals widening social gap

In 1986, it took an average worker about 45 minutes to earn enough to pay for a pound of rump steak; he would have had to work 57 minutes for the same piece of meat in 1981. A dozen medium-size eggs would have cost him two minutes less in effort, and although he would have had to work more than two hours to earn it, a bottle of whisky would have cost 20 minutes less work.

Behind those figures lies an unmistakable growth in national prosperity. Adjusted for inflation, and income tax, there was £114 coming to the average citizen in 1986, compared with £100 in 1980.

Total household income, in cash terms, grew by £120 billion in the same period. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's government might claim credit for that, yet *Social Trends* provides a reminder that its intention of "rolling back the boundaries of the State" has yet to be realized.

In 1986, there were about 800,000 more people employed in the private sector or

An unmistakable rise in household income has seen a corresponding increase in personal investment and spending. But the social gap remains wide. David Walker concludes his review of the *Social Trends* statistics.

in self-employment than in 1981. Yet the aggregate number of government jobs, including councils and the National Health Service, has not changed, while the nationalized industries have seen a big reduction in employment because of privatization.

Social Trends shows that about 9.3 per cent of net personal wealth was held in the form of stocks and shares in 1986, compared with 7.1 per cent in 1981, although in 1971 stocks and shares constituted more than 20 per cent of net personal wealth.

Incomes are less evenly distributed than when Mrs Thatcher took office in 1979, with the top 1 per cent of

income earners getting a bigger share. But the impact of the tax system has to be considered along with state benefits in cash and in kind.

The average income per household in 1985 was £9,070 and the average household also received £1,700 a year in state cash support, such as child benefit. Income tax and National Insurance cost £1,930 and indirect taxes such as VAT cost a further £2,000 and more.

Social Trends suggests that state benefits in kind, such as schooling and the NHS, should be counted as real income, giving a final income per household of £8,140. It notes that the real value of benefits such as schooling is greater than to low income households, while the latter receives more in cash support.

Households have been spending more each year on accommodation and consumer durables. A third have video recorders and more are being spent on the running cost of cars. Consumer spending on food has declined a fraction, with eggs, meat other than chicken, and milk and cream less popular.

For households as a whole, consumption of dairy products and red meat is slipping. The volume of eggs consumed in 1986 was 82 per cent of the 1980 level. But more chicken is being eaten and fish consumption has risen by 8 per cent in 1986.

Social Trends: 19 (Stationery Office, £11).

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME 1985

	£	Cumulative Total £
Average income per household	9,070	
+ State Benefits in cash (eg Supplementary Benefits)	+ 1,700	10,770
After Income Tax and National Insurance		8,830
- Indirect Taxes	- 2,150	6,680
+ State benefits in kind (eg Education and NHS)	+ 1,460	8,140
Final income		8,140

Fruit machine trade answers critic

The fruit machine business is answering critics with an attack on the methods used to show that too many young people are addicted to gambling.

Last year Dr Emanuel Moran, a consultant psychologist and chairman of the National Council on Gambling, surveyed 30 schools. He found that in 25 an "appreciable amount" of gambling was known of and seen to be causing truancy and juvenile crime.

The main culprits, Dr

Moran said, are the "amusement with prize" fruit machines which are subject to fewer controls than jackpot machines and are found in fish-and-chip shops, snack bars and shops.

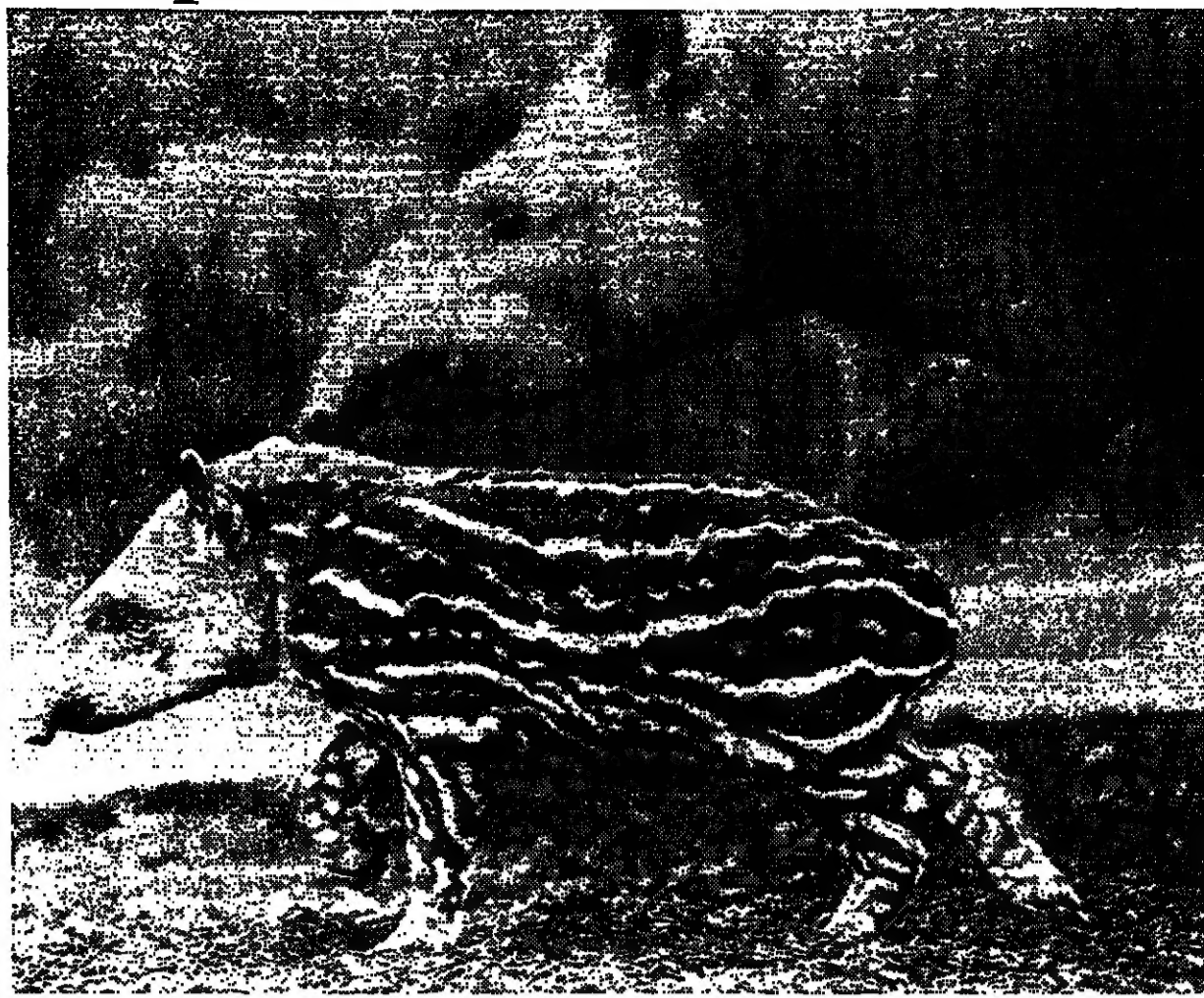
In May Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, announced an investigation into teenage gambling. Now the British Amusement Catering Trades Association says that Dr Moran's conclusions were unsubstantiated.

"There is evidence in the

survey that perceived gambling among school children is associated with other problems at school," the association says, "but it may be the case that these other problems are the cause of gambling rather than the other way around".

The association says that Dr Moran relied on third-hand reports from head teachers in four London boroughs, "a level of clustering which would exacerbate any local peculiarities".

Tapir Chico makes its debut



Chico, a tapir of the Brazilian variety born in London Zoo three weeks ago, being introduced to visitors yesterday by its mother, Eva. Chico will keep its stripes for only six months (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Journey's end for the global cat

A cat that flew the equivalent of seven times around the world in the hold of a jumbo jet will be reunited with its owner next week - after one last flight.

Felix was found at Heathrow Airport on New Year's Day 29 days after climbing out of its travelling box when en route from Frankfurt to Los Angeles. It was frightened, thin and weak, having survived on water forming in the huge hold as condensation.

During its 180,000 mile travelling the cat visited three continents and in Europe passed through London, Frankfurt, Paris, Rome, Zurich, Madrid and Nice.

It was taken into care by Miss Jane Ford, a PanAm ground stewardess. Colleagues around the world paid for the cat's upkeep in quarantine and next week it will fly home to Los Angeles.

Legal research

Warning on funding links

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A leading university institute which carries out research into criminal justice and the legal system has said that increasing reliance on government funding threatens to jeopardize the quality and political independence of its work.

Dr John Baldwin, director of Birmingham University's Institute of Judicial Administration, says it is under constant pressure to raise funds from outside sources, one of which is the Government.

As a result, researchers face pressure to "give greater emphasis to financial returns" which "could be at the expense of academic concerns".

Dr Baldwin says: "Even more serious is the danger that researchers may find they have surrendered their independence out of an understandable wish to please their

sponsors to generate further funding".

He says that it would be unrealistic to ignore or regard with disdain the exigencies of straight economics. But in judicial administration, as in many other areas of research, this preoccupation has meant that appropriate subjects for study and the way they are tackled are being determined to a growing extent by government departments.

Dr Baldwin, writing in a preface to the institute's annual report, says that none of its members has undertaken any project just to obtain funding, nor has any report been "doctored" at the request of a funding body.

"Yet the present political climate is such that it is imperative we be alive to such dangers and that we continue to debate the most appropriate relationship that should exist

between policy makers and the research community".

The institute was successful in obtaining outside funding last year. Among its projects are a study on legal advice for suspects in police stations, funded with a £59,000 grant from the Lord Chancellor's Department, a study on legal aid scheme, funded with a £41,000 grant from the same department, and a study of the role of the police in laying charges under the crown prosecution service, funded with a £53,000 grant from the Economic and Social Research Council.

It is also studying pre-trial settlement of criminal cases in the magistrates' courts with a £39,000 grant from the Leverhulme Trust and the workings of the administrative tribunals with a £40,000 grant from the Nuffield Foundation.

Family cancer link is possible

By Thomson Practice Science Correspondent

Close female relatives of women who show signs of developing cervical cancer should seek smear tests because of possible family connections with the disease.

In today's issue of *The Lancet* Dr Patricia Last, of the BUPA medical centre, London, describes six women with early stages of the condition who all had relatives suffering from the disease.

The Cancer Research Campaign is seeking volunteers for a study of families which appear to have higher than normal risks of cancer of the breast and ovaries.

Volunteers should write to Miss Elizabeth Skinner at the CRC offices, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR.

Dixons fined

Dixons, the electrical retailer, was fined £9,000 at Colchester, Essex, yesterday for six offences of misleading customers over a "free offer".

Animal aid

North London Polytechnic has been given £36,684 by the Lord Svalbard Fund for Human Research to evaluate the use of yeasts instead of animal tissue in experiments. The aim is to cut animal experiments.

'Racist' egg

Cadbury is withdrawing advertisements showing an Indian with a Creme Egg turban on his egg after complaints that they are racist.

Swept away

A man from Crewkerne, Somerset, was swept out to sea yesterday from the harbour wall at Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Car offence

Paul French, aged 20, of Shipton-by-Benington, North Yorkshire, who served two years' youth custody for killing his bullying father for years ago, was sentenced to 150 hours of community service at York Crown Court yesterday for running a pizzeria with his car.

Final tee

Mr Martin McDermott, a Los Angeles golfer, who enjoyed playing at Ballyvaughan, west Ireland, has been buried at Killybegs cemetery, near the first tee.

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PARLIAMENT

Section 2 'has cast pall over national life'

The Protection of Official Information Bill, a private Member's Bill to replace Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, was defeated by 271 votes to 234 - Government majority, 37.

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) moving the second reading, said that the deficiencies of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act were well known.

There was almost universal recognition that it should go and be replaced by a narrower, better defined and better targeted piece of legislation.

The present Act, which meant that the release of any piece of official information could mean a prosecution, had cast a pall over national life and had also affected the standards of the press.

That was because the Act failed to distinguish between matters of national security and those of generality that affected every area of life. "To have accountability and a democratic process we, the people and Members of Parliament and our electorate, have the right to information available with which we can hold government to account."

The Bill sought to achieve that by making only the disclosure of specific classes of information, which would cause serious harm to national security, an offence. It distinguished between information that should lead to criminal prosecution and the generality of information, which needed lesser, disciplinary controls.

The Bill would protect information relating to defence, international relations, security and intelligence whose unauthorized disclosure would be likely to cause serious injury to the interests of the nation or endanger the safety of a British citizen. Information would also be protected if it was likely to be useful in committing a crime or otherwise impede law enforcement.

Personal information supplied to government such as details of a person's income declared to the Inland Revenue or from someone applying for social security, would also be protected.

Civil servants who recklessly disclosed protected information contrary to their official duty would commit an offence with a penalty of up to two years' imprisonment. There was a similar provision for contractors. It would also cover journalists and other citizens intentionally disclosing information, knowing it to be protected.

A person retaining protected information obtained in the course of his official duties or

after being asked to return it, would commit an offence, but the offence of merely receiving official information would no longer exist. These provisions would provide a very considerable deterrent against improper disclosure or publication of protected information.

But the Bill created new defences. It would be a defence for a person to say that the information that he had been charged with disclosing had already become publicly available, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

A certificate signed by the minister would be required under the Bill to indicate that, at the time of the alleged offence, the information was properly classified and that its disclosure was likely to give serious injury to the interests of the nation. If the defence wished to challenge the assertion that serious injury was involved, this would be done before the trial took place by referring the matter to the judicial committee of the Privy Council, whose decision would be conclusive.

One of the reasons why



Mr Roy Hattersley: No reason for trust.

Section 2 had not been used was that governments were no longer confident that juries would take the same line that they did themselves. Juries had difficulty in distinguishing between what was injurious to national security and what was, in fact, inconvenient to government, or bungling.

The doctrine propounded through the courts of a civil servant's lifelong duty of confidentiality to the Crown caused him great anxiety. It was an extraordinary proposition that the Commons might not look at any matter affecting society. Once the horse had bolted, however regrettable or disgraceful the conduct of the individual, what were they to do? There was a great folly in trying to deny to citizens commonplace information.

The press was trivial largely because of the restraints placed upon it by Section 2. It was too

easy for administrations to manipulate the information available to journalists.

They had manipulated the political press for so long that it had become a Hallelujah Chorus which rejoiced in government handouts, mistaking them as if they were masterful pieces of investigative journalism and passed them off as if they were authoritative (Laughter).

They had created a vehicle for relaying untested political propositions. It was something that the press should stand up to because it discredited them. Many serious journalists would not wish to become lobby correspondents because of this symbiotic relationship. This uncritical and slavish following of government press hand-outs had done the country a great deal of damage in trivializing political life beyond belief. "If we are to have respect for our institutions we need the best forms of information, and if we can get that information we can hold to account our own governments."

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South, Lab) said that if backbenchers were treated like office boys they would behave like office boys. They should be allowed to participate in the changes that must occur in the Official Secrets Act. Many of the issues were treated like office boys. They should be allowed to participate in the changes that must occur in the Official Secrets Act. Many of the issues were treated like office boys. They should be allowed to participate in the changes that must occur in the Official Secrets Act.

MPs wanted to participate in the reform of Section 2. One of the problems was that Section 2 was a catch-all affecting every Civil Servant and every minister. The memoirs of every Prime Minister broke the Official Secrets Act all the time.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said that Section 2 as it stood had no defenders. The question in the debate was not whether the section was acceptable. Everyone knew it was not. "Section 2 is both too wide and too weak. It tries to cover too much ground and, partly for that reason, does so ineffectively."

It was wrong in principle that the criminal law should, even in theory, deal with such trivia as the colour of the carpets in a civil servant's office or what was on the menu in the staff canteen. It had given the misleading impression that Section 2 was concerned only with trivial matters and that it was oppressive.

"The choice is between taking this Bill forward, and waiting - not for very long - for fresh proposals from government on which Parliament can then decide." Officials had been working on a thorough and deep review of Section 2 to establish whether the difficulties could be overcome and the Act reformed. A White Paper would be published in June and early legislation would follow.

Once one decided that it was wrong to penalize all unauthorized disclosures of any official information one had to tackle the problem of deciding what disclosures of what



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Douglas Hurd

The fact that a private member had brought forward a Bill at a time when the Government had already embarked on the very same issue, was a coincidence. "This of course creates a tactical situation painful for Mr Shepherd, certainly for me, and for the Government, though it is not actually the fault of anyone."

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) asked whether there would be anything in the White Paper that was not in the Bill before the House.

Mr Hurd said that he could not answer that. (Laughter.) At present the work was about two-thirds complete and it would not be sensible to start setting before the House part of the ground covered and the provisional conclusions reached.

"There should be a Government Bill on which Parliament should pronounce. The Government should propose. Parliament should dispose." The House was not being asked to accept a blank cheque.

"What the House has to decide today is whether, on a matter which does lie at the heart of government, we are going to proceed with a private Member's Bill, or to wait for a short time until the House can analyse and consider the proposals of the Government."

Another dotty notion going the rounds was that the Government would propose some tyrannical tightening of the Act. It was surprising that anyone should take that charge seriously.

information should be unlawful. It was the questions associated with that problem that the Government had been working on and it had not yet finished the work.

"For us, this is not a languid, academic or gentle exercise. The task of reforming Section 2 has now become crucial for the proper functioning of modern democratic government in this country."

Mr Hattersley, for the Opposition, said that Section 2 should not be tolerated any longer in a free society. It allowed suppression of whatever official information the Government chose to keep secret. It might be suppressed simply because the Government found it inconvenient to allow the people to know what they should know and had a right to know.

Nothing in the Bill posed any real threat to secrets. This Bill drew a proper line between necessary secrets and news manipulation dressed up to look like the needs of national security.

For the House to be asked to trust the Government and to wait until June when one considered its performance and its proposals for manipulating or suppressing news was unreasonable.

Simply because the Government behaved foolishly did not mean that it did not also behave tyrannically.

MPs were voting, not simply for a free press, but for a free Parliament, one that was not prepared to be told by the executive that this was not a subject for discussion or by the Prime Minister that this was too technical, complex and important to be dealt with on this occasion.

Mr Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C) said that a good working rule would be that if the Russians knew something, the British people could know it too. The Government had resorted to the indiscriminate use of injunctions to prevent the press from reporting matters of great public interest. That was unacceptable in a free society.

It was not just a defiance of common sense for the Government to argue and for the courts to accept that British newspapers should not publish what was common knowledge. It was a grotesque absurdity.

"We see the executive dictating to the House in all its naked crudity. What the Government is doing today is what it has been doing in the courts for the last few months."

Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, SDP) said that refusal to give this Bill a second reading meant that the present fiction of the Official Secrets Act would continue for another year. It was important not to lose that year.

● I am beginning to realize that there is a period of history in which I moved about which I shall never know the truth ●

Edward Heath

"Today is the day when the Patronage Secretary (Government Chief Whip) can get stuff done."

Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate, C) said he was not present because there was a whip but because he believed that this was not a suitable Bill for private Members' business.

He would like to see legislation that would retrospectively cancel the pension of anyone breaching their oath of confidentiality, whether they resided in England or Australia.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that the issue was being debated because certain public servants had told the truth and the Government did not want the truth to be known.

He could confirm part of what Mr Peter Wright had written in his book *Spycatcher*. He had got rid of Mr Heath by discrediting him as Leader of the Conservative Party. He had evidence of that. Mrs Thatcher did not want to bring to light the processes by which she then Mr Wilson had been removed as Prime Minister.

MI5 were still discrediting people they thought were contrary to the national interest as they saw it.

The Prime Minister had reduced the BBC to a crawling, creeping servant of government policy and the three-line whip was designed to do the same to Conservative members.

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that by decreeing a three-line whip the Government had challenged the whole basis of private members' time. It was a challenge to MPs to support the Bill. It was the House, not the Government, that permitted a Bill to go through or not.

It was on the elimination of unnecessary secrecy on the workings of government "that we have all failed to move into the present decade". He regarded the lobby system at Westminster as pernicious. The only way to get open discussion was to abolish the system.

The 30-year rule for the release of government information should be reduced. "I am beginning to realize that there is a period of history in which I moved about which I shall never know the truth. (Laughter.) I find this disconcerting and, not to say the least, worrying." (Renewed laughter.)

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C) said that it would be better for the Government to produce a White Paper and then a Bill for proper Parliamentary consideration.

With the greatest reluctance, he would have to vote against Mr Shepherd's Bill.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that on a free vote about two thirds of the Commons would support the Bill.

The review of the ministerial certificate was important. Seventeen years ago he had stood in the dock at the Old Bailey to answer charges under the Official Secrets Act.

The prosecution opened their case by saying that serious military secrets had been divulged. Later evidence had shown that all the information was in the public domain and the secret document had been read out to a press conference for use unattributively.

The Government's contention that its plans for reform of the Official Secrets Act were themselves still an official secret was too silly even for Mr. Minister.

Parliament should not buy a pig in a poke. Even if members poked the thing they could not get a gram out of it. It was a dialogue of silence.

Mr Shepherd, winding up the debate, said:

"Let the Government come back and say what was wrong with his Bill. It was a dangerous and silly concept for the Government to say that their Bill would be of greater integrity than anything you (MPs) can raise."



Mr Tony Benn: Truth not wanted.

Correction

Contrary to a report on January 14, Lord Beaverbrook has not undertaken to review the life of patents for new drugs in the context of the Copyright, Drugs and Patents Bill. He has agreed to consider the availability of licences of right for patents of pharmaceuticals which have been on the market for 10 or more years.

Lords Pledge on embryo research

Legislation on embryo research should be before Parliament within 18 months, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, said in a debate on the Government's White Paper on human fertilization and embryology.

He said that Parliament needed to think very hard before closing off avenues, or preventing new ones opening up, to help infertile couples to have a child. The Government still had a neutral view on whether experiments on human embryos should be banned altogether or allowed on human embryos up to 14 days old, subject to licensing and strict conditions.

It was generally agreed that some procedures, such as cloning and attempts to produce human beings with certain characteristics, should become criminal offences.

For the Opposition, Lord Emsdale, the former Secretary of State for Social Services, said that he fully supported controlled research on human embryos up to 14 days old. It would be unthinkable to call a halt to invaluable research.

Lord Meston (L) said that instead of remaining neutral the Government should head the view of the Medical Research Council and back research on human embryos under licence.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said that there was room for experiments on human embryos up to 14 days, but they must be hedged around with safeguards which made it obvious that respect for human origins was properly observed.

Lady Warnock (Ind), who chaired the committee on human fertilization and embryology, said that to make research on human embryos up to 14 days old a criminal offence would be a radical step. Some people feared that would arise from such research. But the descent could be stopped at any point and the way to prevent descending to unknown horrors was by means of a Bill.

The Earl of Landerdale (C) said that experiments on embryos or so-called pre-embryos differed only in degree and never in kind from the sickening human vivisection of the Nazi and Japanese doctors in concentration camps. All these were done in the name of science.

To permit research was a licence to kill without even trials for crime.

Lord Prys-Davies, an Opposition spokesman, said that if proper research was prohibited it would be a retrograde step and a price would have to be paid.

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Fears grow of crisis in Army

Argentine rebel colonel vanishes

From A Correspondent
Buenos Aires

A rebel Argentine army colonel was wounded yesterday in a gun battle outside Buenos Aires and disappeared, hours before a military convoy arrived at his home to rearrest him for leading a military rebellion last year.

The latest incident in the case of Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico threatened yesterday to throw the Argentine military into a new crisis after reports that the rebel leader was accompanied by a group of heavily-armed supporters.

The Government move brings to a head the confrontation in the Army between the middle ranking officers, who supported his rebellion in April, and the high command under the army Chief of Staff, General José Caridi.

Yesterday morning Lieutenant-Colonel Hugo Beltramino, the military judge handling the Rico case, went to the Los Fresnos country club in Bella Vista, where Colonel Rico was under house arrest, to take him to a military prison. Colonel Beltramino was supported by a military force of loyalists from the base at Magdalena consisting of 22 tanks, 12 armoured vehicles and 150 soldiers.

General Caridi stated that he would "maintain discipline through blood and fire should it be necessary", but when Colonel Beltramino arrived at Bella Vista he found that Colonel Rico had left and his whereabouts were unknown.

His wife told reporters there had been a gun fight in their home four hours before the military convoy arrived. She did not know where her husband was. "They burst into the house and a few shots were fired," she said. "He was taken off and as far as I know he is probably in the military hospital."



Tanks carrying troops loyal to General José Caridi, the Chief of Staff, passing civilian traffic on a Buenos Aires highway yesterday as the high command moved to head off the threat posed by Lieutenant-Colonel Aldo Rico, pictured left.

A rebel spokesman, Señor Ernesto Barreiro, said Colonel Rico was "slightly wounded" in the skirmish and that "to guarantee his security" he had been taken to an undisclosed place.

The Magdalena cavalry unit, loyal to the high command, was sent yesterday to the Campo de Mayo army base, where Colonel Rico launched his unsuccessful four-day rebellion and was later confined for eight months.

Officers at the base are still suspected of supporting Colonel Rico, who launched his mutiny demanding that President Alfonsín replace the high

command and grant an amnesty to officers accused of human rights violations.

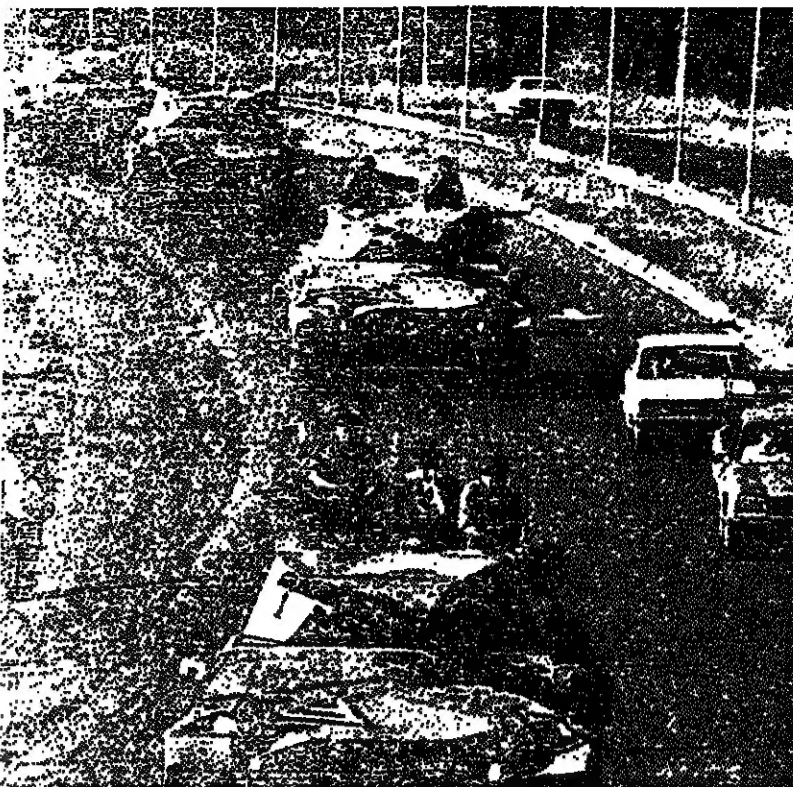
Unconfirmed reports yesterday said General Caridi also ordered the removal of three army unit chiefs who refused to move troops towards Buenos Aires for a possible confrontation with Colonel Rico. These reports have been denied by the Defence Department.

Colonel Rico issued a public declaration rejecting General Caridi's authority and stating that his actions "would inevitably result in internal confrontation... the consequences of which would endanger the system's stability."

There is a question mark as to why the Government has moved to rearrest Colonel Rico now when it felt powerless to prevent him leaving the Campo de Mayo on December 31.

Sources indicate that at that time rather than preventing his departure, it quickly cooed together justification for his leaving by restoring him to his rank in the Army and reducing the terms of his imprisonment to house arrest.

There are fears that units might not now obey orders from the high command to confront the Rico group.



New battle breaks out in Angola

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Another large battle has erupted in southern Angola with the Luanda Government claiming that 6,000 South African troops, backed by aircraft and long-range artillery are again heavily involved in the fighting.

Pretoria is describing the Luanda claims as part of a "concerted effort" to divert world attention from successes by the rebel Unita forces.

Early in December — five days before the United Nations Security Council's December 10 deadline for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Angola — General Jannie Geldenhuys, chief of the South African Defence Force, said South African forces were pulling out "under operational circumstances", but added: "Care is being taken to ensure that the safety of our soldiers is not unnecessarily jeopardized during the withdrawal."

Military analysts pointed out yesterday that he had not committed South Africa to a total withdrawal of its forces from Angola.

Mr Pedro Maria Tonha, the Angolan Defence Minister, says that the South Africans' immediate objective is the capture of the important air and logistics base near the southern city of Cuito Cuanavale.

The base is about 125 miles north-west of Unita's northernmost base at Mavinga which Angolan forces came close to capturing last October. They claim they were halted by South African bombing raids and artillery.

Envoys retelling: South Africa is considering ordering the expulsion of Belgian diplomats in retaliation for Belgium's decision to expel three South African Embassy officials.

Ordeal in Afghanistan haunts Soviet soldiers

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Disturbing parallels between the effects of the Vietnam and Afghan wars on the men fighting them are revealed in an outspoken article in the leading Soviet youth paper. The report details the serious psychological problems facing veterans on their return to the Soviet Union.

In a supplement to *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the article admits that many of the returning soldiers are turning to drugs and alcohol. It quoted a doctor from a special clinic for Afghan veterans who are being treated for drug addiction as saying that they were suffering from war memories.

The emotional account of the experiences faced by the returning soldiers was the most graphic of a series which has started in the official media. The accounts reflect a growing weariness with the war which is an important factor in the Kremlin's increasing willingness to withdraw its 115,000 men.

One former soldier confirmed that the weaker veterans resorted to alcohol and drugs on returning home. "I feel sorry for them. You have got to understand, it is almost an incurable disease, when you cannot adapt to peacetime life," he said, expressing sentiments similar to those often made by Vietnam veterans in the 1970s.

He was quoted as saying that, for many of his colleagues, life back in the Soviet Union proved a great disappointment. "How we longed to get home," he said. "But now we have the feeling that we left what was closest to us behind in Kabul."

The soldier, Nikolai Fotiev, who was awarded the Order of the Red Star and the Medal for Valour before returning from

the war in 1984, said that one of the most difficult things was coping with Soviet red tape.

"We feel this particularly acutely," he told the paper, which is popular among young soldiers. "It is why so many of the boys shut themselves off or get angry and often apply to the recruiting office: 'Send me back there. I cannot stand it here.'"

He spoke bitterly about the soldiers' frustration with the reports in the official press of Soviet troops and poured

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scorn on the coverage of the war on Soviet television in what was an indirect attack on its main war correspondent, Mikhail Leschinsky, whose safari-suited battle reports have become a regular feature of the television news.

"The commentator would be sitting in an armoured personnel carrier, gasping into the microphone: 'Listen to the shooting', while a worn out raiding party would have to fire into the air to imitate a battle."

Other veterans described their experiences in Afghanistan with an openness not previously seen in the Soviet press about fear and moments of weakness under fire.

Mr Vadim Promyslov, who was in one of the first Soviet units sent across the border in December, 1979, described the death of a friend in moving terms. "You go to sleep, with that empty bunk next to you... now it seems

that we were not just mourning the dead. Nerves failed because everyone knew that next time his bunk could be the empty one."

"There were times when fear took over and made you a momentary villain. For instance, you see a friend wounded and you want to drag him out of the firing line, but fear tells you: 'Stay where you are, or they will get you too!'"

The anger about the callous, bureaucratic neglect facing many veterans — especially those seriously injured — was echoed in the official daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, which detailed the cases of three severely wounded conscripts who returned to Leningrad "to find that their problems had only just begun."

The paper said: "Over there in Afghanistan it was a life or death situation and everybody understood who they were fighting against and why. But coming back home, they have met adversity and confusion."

It told of how one veteran who lost both his legs was forced to live in squalid, overcrowded conditions, how another similarly disabled had to wait for a long period immobilized because the supporting straps for his artificial limbs were not supplied, and how a third, a half-blinded sergeant, was refused permission to live in the same hostel as his wife.

"The survivors of Afghanistan without doubt bear terrible scars in terms of their nerves and peace of mind," the paper said. "But they are not to blame. We are to blame for the hardhearted inability to sympathize — a quality which our people once stood for."

Sakharov greets Gorbachov with human rights demand

Moscow (AP) — Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet Union's best-known human rights activist, met Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for the first time yesterday and presented him with a list of 200 political prisoners he wants freed.

Dr Arnold Hammer, the American industrialist, who was at the meeting, said Mr Gorbachov listened patiently and was "very considerate" of Dr Sakharov's concerns.

Dr Sakharov is one of 30 board members for the International Fund for the Survival of Humanity, a private research group created at a meeting in Moscow earlier in the day to direct studies of problems posing a threat to mankind, such as the arms race, pollution and hunger.

The founders say the group will work independently, using contributions from corporations and individuals to finance research projects.

Mr Gorbachov spent nearly three hours talking with the board members, said Mr Yevgeny Velikhov, Vice-President of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, at a news conference at the Foreign Ministry later.

Asked about his meeting with Mr Gorbachov, Dr Sakharov said that it was the first time he had spoken to the Soviet leader since he called

him in Gorky to say he would be allowed to return to Moscow after a seven-year exile.

"He is a man who is open to frank discussion and one who is able to understand and listen to the opinions of his interlocutors," Dr Sakharov said. "I have a great opinion of Gorbachov as a government figure and in personal terms."

Dr Sakharov, who returned from exile to his Moscow flat and his post as a physicist at the Academy in December 1986, said he made a presentation to Mr Gorbachov during the Kremlin meeting, but did not want to discuss details of it at the moment.

Dr Hammer, who is also a member of the Fund's board and its principal supporter to

date with a gift of \$1 million (\$260,000), said Dr Sakharov used his turn to talk with the Soviet leader to present a list of political prisoners.

Mr Velikhov said the board members come from various countries but do not represent their governments or the organizations they work for. The organization will have three centres — Moscow, Stockholm and Washington — where meetings will be held to decide issues that need their attention.

But Mr Velikhov declined to say whether Dr Sakharov, who has never been allowed to travel abroad because of the classified work he did in the 1940s and 1950s in developing Soviet weaponry, will be allowed to take part in gatherings in the foreign capitals.

And the disgraced former leader's son-in-law, Mr Yuri Chubakov, former First Deputy Minister of the Interior, is already in jail and, according to Soviet sources, awaiting trial on charges of corruption.

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Taiwan's opposition told to hold fire

From Robert Grieves, Taipei

Behind yesterday's scenes of mourning for Taiwan's late president, Mr Chiang Ching-kuo, the new regime of President Lee Teng-hui began to assess its goals and prospects.

President Lee, aged 65, is a scholar and specialist in agricultural economics. He was elevated to the deputy presidency in 1984 in an apparent move by the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) to silence critics by sharing power with native Taiwanese and those in favour of independence.

It was Mr Lee who convened the Kuomintang standing committee panel that last year lifted martial law and allowed for the formation of

new political parties in opposition to the Nationalists. It was also Mr Lee who pushed the party to allow Taiwanese to visit their relatives and friends on the mainland.

But President Lee is considered to lack the broad support of the party that Mr Chiang enjoyed. He is also believed to have little influence with the military establishment.

Concern over this point prompted a professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University to warn the fledgling opposition Democratic Progressive Party on Thursday not to take drastic action during the 30-day period of national mourning that ends on February 12.

Otherwise, the professor said, hardliners in the Kuomintang might press for the suppression of the opposition party. Such a move would divide the Nationalists between conservatives and progressives and weaken the process of reform, he said. Despite this warning, opposition figures are already pressing the new administration for broader reforms.

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Refined US Aids test may safeguard blood

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

American scientists say they have developed a test which detects the Aids virus much more quickly and accurately than existing methods, and which could help ensure the safety of blood donations.

The test is able to identify the virus even when it is in a latent stage in human blood cells, and can be confirmed within three days, the scientists say in yesterday's issue of *Science* magazine.

Existing tests take up to four weeks to detect the virus. The new method concentrates on the nucleic acid, or genetic "fingerprint" of the virus and on copying or "amplifying".

The work has been carried out at the US Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, and the Cetus Corporation, of Emeryville, California.

Blood banks rely on existing tests for antibodies to the virus. But there is a gap of some months between an individual's blood becoming infected and the antibodies developing.

In another American study reported in today's issue of *The Lancet*, a drug called ddC appears to have improved the condition of a group of patients with Aids.

The drug could be helpful in treating Aids sufferers, either on its own or in alternating use with AZT, the drug widely used to combat the disease.

● LOS ANGELES: In an effort to gauge the spread of the Aids virus in child-bearing women and newborn infants, California is planning a test programme on 120,000 babies over a three-month period.

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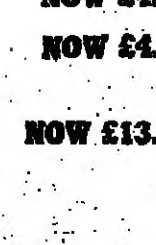
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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Doubling back

If I have a small ambition left, it is to become a double international: to play for England at both football and cricket. But in sober truth, I have to concede that we have seen the last of the double international. Quite apart from the degree of specialization in modern sport, there is simply no time: cricket is played all winter and football all summer. How can a renaissance man cope? There are, so far as I know, two surviving double internationals: Willie Watson and Arthur Milton. Others no longer with us include A. Ducat, A. Lytle, W. Gunn, L. H. Gray, R. E. Foster, J. Sharp, C. B. Fry, H. Makepeace, and H. T. Harding. Denis Compton and Patsy Hendren both played cricket for England, and won soccer caps for playing in wartime "Victory" internationals. Arthur Milton is now a postman in Bristol. He played in the Fifties, and his first contract with Gloucestershire was worth £200 for the season. Arsenal first paid him £8.10s a week.

Magic 151

Even at this early stage, I am convinced that here is the publishing event of the year. We all knew that Geoffrey Boycott's autobiography was one of the great landmarks of sporting history. But now the book, the fifth-best-selling non-fiction title of last year, is available in a new edition — a snip at £151. Those who love the man most will understand that the price reflects Boycott's 151 first-class centuries. Each of these latter-day Gutenberg bibles will be bound in leather and signed with the master's own hand. The special edition numbers, yes, 151, and each contains details of a single one of the Great Man's centuries. But there will be no more. After 151, Boycott will have Run Out.

Ice-breakers

After my revelation about the new and rising enthusiasm for women's ice hockey, I learn that in the 1930s there were several women's teams in the country. Marjorie Marshall, née Marriott, writes to express her support for the new wave of ice hockey women: she was part of the Sussex team that became the first English side to play in Paris round about 1931. This was a great event, she remembers: the team daringly went by air. She adds: "I have played many games (now reduced to bowls), and I reckon ice hockey is the roughest."

● Publishers please note: I hear that Peter Lush, the England team manager, kept a diary during the recent tour of Pakistan. And it's a veritable vindaloo.

Keeping pace

Plans are afoot to computerize the scoreboard at Lord's. The latest newsletter to MCC members says the aim would be to operate both from the same control so that they displayed the same information — "which in itself might be considered something of an innovation."

On to a winner

The Equestrian Christian Fellowship is going great guns. Mandy Myatt, who does a lot of work for the organization, reports: "Only a few weeks ago we heard of wonderful things God is doing in Newmarket among trainers, managers and jockeys. One third of the population of Newmarket is closely involved in racing in some way, and it seems that God is choosing to make the sport of kings into the sport of the King of Kings!"

● The most eminent people to be refused admission to the Chelsea bar last week were Bobby Moore and Phil Collins.

X-certificate XI

The Rev Frank Garvey has selected a team to play against the Soccer Nightmare XI, so memorably produced in a recent Diary. His own team reads: Gary Sprake (Leeds); Jock Campbell (Charlton); Chopper Harris (Chelsea); Skinner Normanton (Barnsley); Tom Holley (Leeds); Will Copping (Arsenal); Maurice Setters (Manchester United); Tommy Smith (Liverpool); John Fashanu (Wimbledon); Dave Hickson (Everton); Harry Gregory (Charlton). A Times tennor for Mr Garvey for this splendid team. Richard Matthews suggests an improvement to the Nightmare XI: Peter Storey of Arsenal and England, as a winger.

BARRY FANTONI



"You're right, no mention of compact discs or Swatches anywhere"

Should Cambridge University go for the Big Bang? That, in the words of one don, a reader in English legal history, is the apocalyptic question the Council of the Senate will have to answer when its 17 members meet on Monday.

To put it more prosaically, the council has to decide whether to grant a petition signed by nearly 200 dissident dons calling for a committee of inquiry into the way the university is governed. It will also have to decide how far-reaching such an inquiry should be. The petitioners claim that Cambridge's fractured decision-making processes are inefficient and undemocratic. Some are convinced the place is in the grip of a creeping paralysis that nothing less than root-and-branch reform will do.

The question derives its cosmic quality from a painful conviction that things are managed better at Oxford. The Big Bang is a reference to the Franks Commission, whose report led to a radical overhaul of Oxford's government more than 20 years ago. Distant Echo might be more accurate in the circumstances.

The debate is not always easy to follow. Much of it is conducted in an arcane language of Memorials, Graces, Ordinances and Syndicates. There are sometimes references to the "reforms of 1571". On the face of it, the issue is the nature of the relationship between Regent House, the dons' parliament, and the university's three central bodies, the council, the financial board, and the general board of the faculties.

Dr Anthony Edwards, a reader in mathematical biology and an old campaigner, describes it as a political system which has "lost the capacity to evolve from within". Another petitioner, Roger Fairclough, an under librarian, complains it is not easy to tell where true power lies.

But behind these constitutional intricacies there lurk matters of real importance. Can the university stand up to an increasingly interventionist government? Is it capable of responding to seismic changes ("The most threatening

Who will win the Oxbridge funds race?

by John Clare



Drucker (Oxford): £200 million the likely target

Squire (Cambridge): appeals for specific projects only

since the 17th century") as quickly and decisively as it should? Most poignantly, how has Oxford been allowed to take such a humiliating lead in the all-important fund-raising stakes?

The last question offers an interesting case study. After the government cuts in 1981, Oxford, moving with what for an ancient university must be lightning speed, set up an appeals and income generation committee.

It concluded that the university was going to have to take long-term fund-raising seriously. It proposed the setting up of a development office. The proposal was accepted by the hebdomadal council. In July 1986, Dr Henry Drucker, an engaging American academic, was appointed director. He now heads a full-time staff of six with six more soon to be appointed. Next October he will launch the biggest international

fund-raising campaign ("Don't, please, call it an appeal") that British education has seen. It will last five years and probably aim to raise at least £200 million. Some big gifts are already in the bag.

Dr Drucker, one suspects, regards it all as rather small beer. He points out that every self-respecting university in the United States has a development office staffed by scores of professionals (Princeton has 150) helped by an elaborate network of volunteers. Few would raise an institutional eyebrow at £200 million and none, he adds, would dream of launching a campaign designed, as his is, to run longer than it took to plan.

Cambridge, on the other hand, did nothing very much for six years, although \$4 million did flow in from its American alumni. Finally, last October, it announced the appointment of William Squire, Britain's ambassador

to Israel, as its first development director. A laconic statement noted that he would be in charge of a "small development unit which will aim to consolidate the university's fund-raising activities at a time of reduced support from the government".

When he takes up his duties in May, Mr Squire will find how small the unit is. He will have a staff of three and a computer. Meanwhile Geoffrey Skelsey, the university's assistant registrar, is holding the fort. "What we are not going to do," he says carefully, "is launch one of those appeals which says, 'My God, everything is in such an appalling mess that if we don't get £200 million by Wednesday everything is going to collapse.' We don't think that's a good foundation for creative fund-raising."

Cambridge has also concluded that a general appeal on the Oxford model is not a very bright idea. "The government will say we're flush with money and start reducing our black grant," Mr Skelsey suggested. "We think it will be better to raise money for specific projects like a new library, a business school and biotechnology institute."

Back at Oxford, Dr Drucker is incredulous. "Did they really say that? Well, Cambridge is a great institution, of course, and I was very impressed by Mr Squire. But if we went to our people with an appeal like that, they'd wonder what the hell it was about. They'd tell us to get our act together. It's Oxford we're going to campaign for, not some piffing project one day and another the next."

Later, Mr Skelsey volunteered that Cambridge was not anxious to be seen following in Oxford's footsteps. "We don't want to be second, do we?"

It is hard to avoid the suspicion that a similar reluctance to be second has dogged Cambridge's attempts to put its administrative house in order. Since Oxford's Big Bang in 1966, Cambridge has held nine separate inquiries into its system of government, each no more than a little whimper. The signs are that the council will vote for a tenth on Monday.

would quickly change if the food distribution was disrupted, even for a short period.

Wukro is in that part of Tigre where fighting and security problems have closed the roads too often in recent weeks. The air is a valuable stop-gap, but no substitute for free movement by road.

We fly on to Massawa, the port which handles most of the food for Eritrea and Tigre and then to Asmara — a very Italian city — to learn more about transport problems and to see the airport base. It takes about 12 minutes for gangs of running, singing men to load each Hercules. They earn good money for their hard work and are as a result the dudes of Asmara, emerging each evening for the local *paseo* dressed to the nines.

We fly back in a Hercules to Makele where we visit the site of the camp that featured so prominently in the horror stories of 1984-85. This is where Cardinal Humé and others wept and prayed. The Salegian Brothers in the town gave 30,000 winding sheets for the corpses from Makele camp. The area has now been replanted with 300,000 trees, and an artificial lake irrigates the orphanage garden where more than 500 survivors from the camp now have their home. We have to prevent the drift into camps if we can. That's why regular food distribution is so important.

We stay the night with Brother Cesari, a cheerful Venetian who came to Makele by way of Vietnam. He is an ebullient reminder that you don't have to be miserable to be a saint.

SUNDAY

With another dawn start on our last day, we take off for Kobo, in Welo, south of Tigre, where the Save the Children fund has a feeding centre. The villagers wait quietly and patiently for the registration, medical checks and food. The fund, Oxfam and the Red Cross will distribute most of the 94,500 tonnes of food aid that Britain has pledged. As usual these organizations are run on the ground extremely competently by decent and sensible professionals.

In the tent where the young children are weighed I ask why so many of them have their hair cut into little tufts. "It's so that the angels can pick them up more easily and take them to heaven". Maybe the angels won't be busy this year. Maybe.

Extracts from the diary of Chris Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, written during his recent fact-finding visit to Ethiopian famine areas

A diet of aid and dogma

THURSDAY

We arrive overnight on the Ethiopian Orthodox Christmas Day and take off straight away by Twin-Otter for the Italian-aided, expense-no-object, resettlement area at Tana-Beles. In Ethiopia and elsewhere, if resettlement is voluntary and properly planned it can be useful and defensible. It may be a Spartan "if", I fear. Resettlement and villagization — bringing people in from the country to live in regimented communities — have a central role in the Leninist approach to agriculture which I read about in that morning's *Ethiopia Herald*. It's the sort of paper that gives the latest Bulgarian handball results rather more prominence than they perhaps deserve.

But can this Leninism be the same as Mr Gorbachov's variety? I'm not sure that the Soviet leader is as popular in Ethiopia as in Washington. His deviationism has not gone unnoticed. Am I being kidded or is it really true that an Ethiopian party committee has been established to consider Gorbachov's errors?

Back in Addis Ababa, I meet representatives of the substantial aid community. The scale of the emergency this year is probably greater than in 1984-85. The drought has been worse; the crop failure in the north more comprehensive; the number of families affected larger. But the early warning system worked well last autumn. The international relief agencies and charities and the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission have acted impressively quickly. And the donor countries of the West have responded generously.

But the situation is on a knife-edge. Ethiopia has to survive the best part of a year, and as the months pass and the number of the hungry increases, crisis will constantly threaten to slide into catastrophe. More help will be needed. The greatest danger is that politics and security may obstruct the movement of food. We can get food to Ethiopia, guaranteeing delivery to Tigre, Eritrea and Welo is much more difficult. To run a massive relief operation during a war is no cake-walk.

FRIDAY

I set off to explore the wilder shores of *perestroika* (restructuring) with government ministers.



They tell us about their new agricultural policy — more price incentives for farmers, freer marketing and distribution. It sounds an improvement; let's hope the small print or the implementation stand closer scrutiny. If these changes are genuine and can trigger the release of EEC and World Bank investment, so much the better. Gorbachov may have made a new convert after all.

SATURDAY

We are up before dawn to fly to Makele in the Ethiopian Highlands. We meet representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross there and fly on to Wukro to see one of their food distribution centres. Each day they

provide a food ration to last a month for 8,000 people. Today is the start of the operation and they are registering the villagers. Several of the families I talk to have walked for five or six hours over tough mountain terrain with babies and young children. They will have to carry back 15 kilos of wheat for each family member, plus beans and an edible oil ration.

While they give their names, and have their identity and family size confirmed by a village leader, the Red Cross measures height and the circumference of the upper arm. Save the Children Fund calculates height and weight. Present indications suggest that the children's health is, on the whole, no worse than it would be at this time in a normal year. That

Electricity: put the consumer first

The electricity supply industry is judged by three criteria: price, quality and security of supply. The government has set great store by the introduction of competition into generation, but its final proposals will probably fall far short of those planned.

First, the government is firmly committed to the use of nuclear power, and something akin to the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) will be required to run it and support its maintenance, research and development.

Second, theories of competition may be inappropriate when applied to generation. The merit order system (whereby stations are brought on to meet demand in ascending order of production costs) minimizes day-to-day costs overall. But competition among owners of base load stations might lead to the price being set for all base load providers by the cost of the next most inefficient plant.

Competition is also meant to drive out the inefficient and the costly. Yet in generation, with plant lives of between 25 and 40 years and construction times of a decade, there will

always be inefficient plant which cannot be forced out of the system because it will be required to meet peak demand.

Furthermore, all electricity utilities work on a co-operative rather than a competitive model, meeting one another's emergencies, so maximizing security of supply.

Where competition will be introduced within the medium term is the procurement of new plant. The CEGB is not noted for successful building programmes and is widely accused of excessive gold-plating and unnecessarily high engineering excellence.

The transmission system has a vital role in ensuring fair access to large and small generators and for maintaining grid stability even in exceptional circumstances such as recent gales. There is no sensible reason for breaking it up, though a question mark remains over who will run it.

As to the distribution boards, the consumer will only ever have one cable and one meter and receive supplies from one distributor. To all intents and purposes, distribution is an

unbreakable monopoly, though it is still a moot point as to whether the existing 12 boards will be privatized as they are or as six or fewer companies with more evenly spread customer load and financial performance.

Electricity is vital and over a vast range of applications has no plausible competitor whatever — computers, telecommunications, the London Underground, washing machines, TVs and the stuff of domestic ordinariness. Even where there may be a competitor, the cost of replacing existing equipment is virtually prohibitive.

For these reasons, the Energy Secretary has much to risk in pursuing the ideal of competition and much to gain if he liberalizes the industry from government interference while ensuring, through a strong regulatory and customer protection framework, that consumers of electricity can be sure of a cheap, safe, secure and reliable supply.

Jenny Kirkpatrick

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Robert Kilroy-Silk

Come on, give us a fight

Roy Hattersley has to go, of that there can be no doubt. His resignation as Labour's deputy leader would clear the way for a good old-fashioned fight for the party's soul between John Prescott, the particularly aggressive Shadow energy secretary, and Brian Gould, the suave golden boy of the general election campaign.

Such a contest would provide several worthwhile gains. It would produce a deputy more relevant to the party's present mood and needs than the incumbent; the result would clearly signal the direction that the party as a whole wishes to take after a third humiliating election defeat; and it would rescue the parliamentary party from its current irresponsible slumber. That Hattersley no longer has a real role to perform few will deny. In fact many, not least among his friends, whisper that the best service he could render to the party would be to retire and write the two novels that he is apparently anxious to have published.

He is, after all, something of an embarrassment to Neil Kinnock. They have never really got on well together. They don't exactly entertain each other socially or even move in remotely similar circles, political or otherwise. Neither has ever had much regard for the abilities and talents of the other. Their relationship, never relaxed and easy, is probably getting worse as they inevitably, even if only unconsciously, blame each other for the growing disenchantment within the party and the unions with their style of leadership. Without such discontent, Prescott could not even think of running.

Hattersley should recognize this and open the path for an election. He must be aware that he represents little and no one in the modern party and that he would have great difficulty in getting the majority support of his parliamentary colleagues or of winning a contest were it not for Neil's support — whether open or, in the case of union delegations, by the use of strong-arm tactics in smoke-filled rooms — in order to preserve the status quo.

As Prescott's friends rightly complain, Hattersley has done little campaigning for the party since the election, demonstrates no faith or confidence in its future and perpetually conveys the impression that he would rather be somewhere else doing other things. He should go and do them. The way would then be open for a clear choice between Gould and Prescott. The fact that the party's deputy leadership isn't much of a job doesn't matter. What is important is that a contest for it would force Labour to re-examine its values and re-appraise its policies with a little more urgency than that being displayed by the lumbering policy review.

Michael Kinsley

Robin Hood of the right

Washington
Everyone's having a good chuckle over the Rev Pat Robertson's latest absurdity. In the Republican presidential debate last week, he confirmed his endorsement of a biblical-style "Jubilee year" in which America's huge mountain of public and private debt would be cancelled. In fact, though, not so long ago we had precisely such a jubilee, spread over several years. And forces more powerful than Robertson are now advocating another.

The modern debt-cancellation jubilee goes by the name of inflation. In 1984 the real value of the federal government's debt was precisely what it had been in 1946, despite decades of deficit spending. The inflation of the late 1970s had wiped out every cent of post-war government borrowing. It had a similar pleasant effect on home mortgages and other private debt. More recently, we Americans have pulled the same nasty trick on the foreigners who were foolish enough to lend us hundreds of billions of dollars during the 1980s. As the only major debtor nation that can borrow in its own currency, we have let that currency decline by half against the yen and the mark, effectively cancelling many of those IOUs.

The return of inflation is just becoming noticeable in everyday life. A large coffee at the take-away next to my office went from 55c to 60c last week after five years of stability. The price of electronic goods, virtually all imported, is going up after years of decline. In New York Mayor Ed Koch is leading a noisy protest over a jump from \$6 to \$7 in the price of movie tickets, instituted by the Canadian company that seems to be taking over all of America's cinemas.

Unfortunately, few seem to be taking the danger of another severe bout of inflation seriously. On the right, the supply-side gurus who got us where we are today profess to believe in a sort of reverse alchemy, in which gold can be turned into stable prices without any unpleasant monetary or fiscal discipline. On the left, we are hearing the argument that inflation is in fact good. It goes like this: Wealth is highly concentrated. Creditors are rich; borrowers are poor. Inflation, by eroding debt, takes from the few and gives to the many, like Robin Hood.

The argument has a distinguished pedigree on the American left, including one of the most famous speeches in American politics — William Jennings Bryan's attack on the gold standard at the 1896 Democratic convention: "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold." Bryan's would-be successor is journalist William Greider, best known as the man who got David Stockman, the budget director, to say all those indiscreet things at the beginning of the Reagan administration. In his new book on the workings of the Federal Reserve Board, *Secrets of the Temple*, Greider writes: "A social philosopher, searching for a progressive theory of justice, might contemplate the underlying consequences of inflation and conclude that this system was a promising model of social equity."

Not really. This isn't 1896. In America, most financial wealth is held by institutions on behalf of ordinary people in the form of pension and life insurance funds. If unionized workers and others with market power keep up with inflation, poorer workers and those on welfare generally don't. Home owners may beat inflation, but the inflated price of houses is now leading to America's first recorded fall in home ownership.

Inflation may be preferable to recession in the short run, but is disastrous for economic growth in the long run. It encourages consumption, borrowing and short-term profit-taking; discourages saving and long-term investment. Just coping with an unstable currency is a vast and costly distraction from productive work. Inflation also carries high political and spiritual costs, as Britons ought to remember even more vividly than Americans.

Materialist yuppies on both sides of the Atlantic grew up in a period when thrift was madness, greed was mere prudence, and buying, buying, buying was the best financial strategy. The general lack of social generosity stems from the time when each group had to kick and claw just to hold its own. In any event, redistributing wealth through inflation works only once in a generation.

It took inflation of between 10 and 15 per cent to erode debt in the 1970s. It will take inflation of double that or more to do the trick today. Maybe it will come to that. But nobody should pretend it will be painless, let alone progressive. The author is Editor of *New Republic*.



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LE MITTERRAND PERMANENT

American presidential elections have been happening on time every year for around 200 years. But the most remarkable thing about the other important presidential election this year — to the presidency of the French Fifth Republic — will not be whoever wins but that it is happening at all.

France has been politically stable long enough for the outside world to forget that, in the eye of history, the time has not been long at all. Leaving aside the claims which the more ostentatious conservatives make for the pre-1789 *ancien régime*, the Fifth Republic has been the first time France has ever had — perhaps the only really good one. Under it, it surpassed Britain in wealth and European influence. Mrs Thatcher is busy working on that. But she is not guaranteed a lasting recapture of British supremacy yet.

France was joining in the Western "affluent society" in the last years of the Fourth Republic, but was incapable of solving the Algerian question. The Fifth Republic not only preserved the affluence; it protected the country's prosperity from the kind of inflation which was constantly threatening it under the previous regime. The new republic also had the prestige to rid France, however ignominiously and deviously, of Algeria. In post-war Europe, the Fifth Republic is a success second only to the Federal German Republic.

Yet the constitution dates from only 1958. Many people forget how, comparatively recently, it was widely assumed, both in France and abroad, that the Fifth Republic would not survive the departure from office of its creator. After de Gaulle, it was confidently asserted, there would, of course, be a *défaite*.

It was widely assumed too that there was something illegitimate about a constitution which had come into being after, and partly as a result of, an army mutiny in Algeria. The constitution was ratified overwhelmingly by the electorate at a referendum. But there were people who denied that de Gaulle had saved French democracy.

It was claimed that French democracy was what he had subverted. One of the most self-consciously intellectual of French politicians wrote a pamphlet whose title summed up his case against the new constitution: *Le coup d'état permanent*. This spring the author is expected to be a presidential candidate under a constitution largely unchanged. He is President Mitterrand.

THE LONELY HEATH

Hampstead Heath is more than an open space upon which a former leader of the Labour Party became famous for walking a dog named after a former Tory leader. It is more than the perennial battleground on which the local ladies and gentlemen fight attempts by local councils and developers to provide new homes. It belongs to all Londoners who live within jogging and journeying distance and who find there a place where they can fill their lungs and breathe.

As yet, no one is threatening Hampstead Heath in any direct way. No one is proposing to put up gates and levy a charge for entry. The park-keepers still pick up litter and cart away dead wood. But the Heath is not the happy place it ought to be.

Nearly two years after the abolition of the Greater London Council, which managed it, it remains in an administrative limbo. Soon there is a risk that the lack of long-term management will begin to tell on its terrain and its trees.

The other day the London Residuary Body — which took over the assets of the GLC in order to liquidate them or pass them on — announced that it was to conduct its unimpeachable exercise in "consultation" before making any recommendation about the Heath's future to the Environment Secretary. This means that many more months will pass before the final decision is taken.

It would be easy to berate the chairman of the Residuary Body, Sir Tag Taylor, for not making up his mind sooner. Even before the GLC expired, reputable public bodies were queuing up with offers to manage the Heath. But the fault cannot be laid entirely at his door. The cause of the Heath offers a field-day to lobbyists of every persuasion — and Hampstead nurtures some of the most vocal lobbyists in the land.

Delay in determining who should manage the Heath has, however, made the decision

M. Mitterrand is also a living refutation of the next, widely-assumed claim about the Fifth Republic. It was said that "chaos" or "instability" would result from the constitution's most famous "flaw" or apparent anomaly. This was the possibility, latent since 1958, that — because President and National Assembly were elected at different times — the President might be from one party, and the National Assembly majority from another.

Since the 1986 National Assembly elections, the majority has been Gaullist and the President — elected in 1981 — has been a socialist. In 1986, M. Mitterrand had no choice but to invest as Prime Minister the Gaullist leader, M. Chirac — one of the men who will oppose him for the presidency this year. But there has been no instability.

M. Mitterrand was only a species of socialist. He did not proclaim himself any kind of socialist until late in his career. He soon abandoned much of the socialism on which he was elected in 1981. He did so because it was electorally unpopular — an unpopularity which cost him the National Assembly in 1986. He is, if anything, an old-fashioned French radical.

Now, in old age, there is nothing particularly unpopular he wants to do. He has survived long enough to appear a serene embodiment of France. Meanwhile, M. Chirac has had to deal with the details of government. He appears the embodiment of another France — the unhelpful hotel manager of Anglo-Saxon mythology. He is the one who has become unpopular. Far from being humiliated by impotent *cohabitation*, M. Mitterrand's fortunes have been revived by it.

The sheer length of a French President's term of office — and the opportunities this gives for voter discontent and boredom — may still ensure that M. Chirac wins. No Fifth Republic President has so far been re-elected. De Gaulle was elected President by the mass electorate only once, in 1965. His first election was by a small electoral college in 1958. The term should certainly be reduced to five years.

Both President Mitterrand and M. Chirac may yet be beaten by the one other plausible candidate, the economic liberal, M. Raymond Barre. But that a Mitterrand victory can be discussed at all is further proof of the much-decried constitution's ability to save Frenchmen, including French Presidents, from the consequences of past error.

more difficult than it might have been. The financial situation of two prime suitors — the City of London Corporation and the London Borough of Camden — has deteriorated markedly.

The City — in the running because it manages nearby Highgate Woods — faces a sharp fall in its income when the non-domestic rate is nationalized. Camden has become a byword for financial mismanagement. Other solutions, like the establishment of a trust to manage the Heath, would require the LRB to stump up large sums in endowment and running costs.

Delay has also enabled the various campaigners to become more deeply entrenched in their positions. Neither Camden nor the other London boroughs which adjoin the Heath are keen on the City oligarchs taking over. Some local opinion argues that the City has no great reputation as an estate manager so why should they trust their beloved copes to it?

At the same time few people, including many residents of the borough itself, want Camden town hall involved, given the spending and management record of its Labour councillors. The neighbouring boroughs of Barnet and Haringey (Tory and left-wing Labour respectively) want no role unless there is a scheme for spreading costs across all London (which is what the GLC rate used to do).

The chairman of the LRB is appointed by the Environment Secretary, and is supposed to supply him with advice. The delay in deciding the future custodianship of Hampstead Heath says little either for the LRB's efficiency or for its political sense. Although the GLC is dead, its ghost will walk for as long as the LRB fails to dispose properly of the remains. Until then, the concern of Mr Michael Foot and Dizzy, of Heathmen and women (and all their dogs) will be fully justified.

FOURTH LEADER

There is going to be the most appalling row in Zimbabwe, and readers contemplating a visit would be well advised to postpone it, at any rate if they were planning to fly to Harare by the national airline. For Air Zimbabwe has just promulgated an edict, by the terms of which the airline's flight hostesses have been curbed to lose weight within six months or lose their jobs.

Ungallant, do you call it? Then you had better, before reading on, fetch down the Thesaurus and draw up a list of considerably stronger terms. For the airline's decree does not "mince" words. Our old friend A. Spokesman, on secondment to Air Zimbabwe, has asserted that some of the lady cabin attendants "are so big that their thighs knock against the passengers as they are moving between the aisles", and just in case anybody was in any doubt about what he was implying, he went on to say, "We have these ugly big amazons pretending to be air hostesses".

There is nothing in the Air Zimbabwe statement to indicate whether the ladies were hired at their present girth or whether they have, so to speak, grown into the job. Anyway, it will make little difference to the impending uproar, which is likely to be loud, bitter and prolonged.

Diligent research has not yet revealed whether Zimbabwe has anything like our Equal Opportunities Commission, nor, if it

has, whether any such dreadfully sexist conduct falls within its remit. But in any case it is enough to make most people see Lambeth Council in a much more kindly light; you do not have to stretch the definition of sexual discrimination far to bring Air Zimbabwe within it.

For note that there is no word of complaint by the airline about the size of the male cabin attendants. Is it really credible that not one of them is overweight, that they are all as slim as greyhounds and embarrassed at the amazonian shape of their female colleagues? Even if they are, is there not something missing from this story? What about the customers? There is no suggestion that they are complaining, and it is not difficult to imagine that many passengers, particularly nervous ones, might actually welcome the reassurance of a stout and motherly lady bumping down the aisle to tell them that the air turbulence they are experiencing is nothing to be alarmed about.

Hands off those hips, gentlemen. Did not the great Julius Caesar deplore the "lean and hungry look"? It will be time to institute it on Air Zimbabwe planes when the passengers are heard to murmur "Thigh no more, ladies", or when the extra weight of the hostesses makes take-off impossible. Until then, "Excess baggage" must mean only what it has always meant hitherto.

Privatisation of nature reserves

From Mr C. I. Rose

Sir, Proposals by Mr Nicholas Ridley of the Department of the Environment to privatise the national nature reserves run by the Nature Conservancy Council (report, January 11) could reverse some of the considerable progress made in protecting the most important wildlife habitats and countryside features from pressures such as agricultural and forestry development.

Unless adequate legal and financial safeguards were provided, any sell-off of Britain's ecological heritage could rapidly lead to its impoverishment. Many NNRs exist as statutory nature reserve agreements, financed by RMG. Under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, sites of special scientific interest (the top tiers of which are made NNRs) are protected from land-use change by paying "compensation" to owners and occupiers, either annually or on a once-off basis.

Studies commissioned by the Government and by the independent British Association of Nature Conservationists both suggest this will require as much as £42 million a year over the coming decades. The high cost of protecting nature reflects the money that can be made from forestry development through tax avoidance and EEC support to farmers.

Private conservation groups, such as the Royal Society for Nature Conservation and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, simply do not have the funds to buy out or manage the national estate of Britain's wild heritage. It should not be considered unless Mr Ridley is able to finance a truly massive endowment fund: perhaps by abandoning further motorway construction?

Yours faithfully,
C. I. ROSE,
11 Avenue Park,
Richmond, Surrey.

In self-defence

From Mr David Holliday

Sir, Some time ago, a gentleman carrying a swordstick was attacked by a number of individuals while travelling by London Underground. He used the swordstick to defend himself and was subsequently prosecuted and fined for possessing an "offensive weapon". That the weapon was used defensively appears to have escaped the notice of all concerned.

More recently, a young lady, similarly set upon, died as a result. She was carrying no weapon, offensive or otherwise. Perhaps innocent travellers should now accept the risk of being either fined or murdered?

Still more recently, a minicab driver, put in fear by an unruly mob mulling about his office, took a chair with him in his cab, to defend himself should it be necessary. He, also, was fined.

It is the prime responsibility of the police and the judiciary to ensure that her Majesty's subjects may go about their lawful affairs without fear of injury to their persons or possessions. If the police and judiciary are incapable of this, it becomes their duty

to punish innocent citizens who take measures for their own defence.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOLLIDAY,
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Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Forms of address

From Sir Honour P. H. Layton

Sir, Viscount Hampden (January 1) is not alone in having difficulties with his style and title. When circuit judges were inaugurated as such, the *London Gazette* for August 1, 1969, announced that by royal warrant any holder of that office should be "known and addressed by the style and title of 'his Honour' prefixed to the word 'judge' before his name".

On retirement a circuit judge drops the word "judge" (except unofficially and in common parlance) and is officially addressed as (for instance) "his Honour P. H. Layton". Variations caused by this difficulty are numerous and can be easily conceived, but I was delighted recently to receive a begging letter addressed to "Mr His Layton".

Yours faithfully,
PAUL LAYTON,
70A Leopold Road, SW19.

Saved by leeches

From Mrs M. C. Johnston

Sir, Your correspondent (February 11) wrote of her cure by leeches. I was in the men's accident ward in a London teaching hospital in the early 1930s where, as a junior staff nurse, I saw leeches applied to the badly fractured jaw of a young semi-conscious man.

As it was so unusual other nurses were called down to see the six leeches applied. A probationer nurse was detailed to keep a check and report when the leeches were replete. Later, young, vocal and appalled, she called Sister the length of the ward that she had found three were missing.

Two of the three missing leeches were never found. Yours faithfully,
MARY C. JOHNSTON,
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Lansdown Road, Bath, Avon.

Aid to Ethiopia

From the Ambassador of Ethiopia

Sir, I refer to your editorial entitled "Message to Mengistu" (December 31).

At his press conference on December 30, Ethiopia's envoy, Comrade Kassa Kebede, at no time accused the British Government of withholding relief assistance. Whilst grateful for the humanitarian assistance rendered to Ethiopia by the people and Government of Britain, Ambassador Kassa Kebede referred to Britain's lack of participation in the long-term development efforts of Ethiopia, and urged Britain to grant development aid. This statement of fact should not have been misconstrued as an accusation.

Any humanitarian assistance extended to Ethiopia, unless otherwise specified, at no time comes under the virtual control or management of the Ethiopian Government or its agent, the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC).

The RRC co-ordinates the 50 voluntary organisations (non-governmental organisations) who distribute 85 per cent of the assistance. Under the terms of reference, the UN and EEC scrutinise their work and audit the balance as the need arises. In questions of irregularities, mismanagement and diversion of assistance, the RRC remains above suspicion.

According to our record, UK pledges for 1987 in food assistance

Social workers in short supply

From Professor Robert Harris

Sir, Your report (January 7) Cleveland County Council's inability to recruit qualified social workers. In consequence, unqualified workers have been over-promoted temporarily, though its director of social services this morning assured Radio 4 listeners that they would not be dealing with "complex child abuse cases".

The problem with that, of course, is that successive enquiries show that difficulties arise in the identification as well as management of such cases. Professionals are needed to spot them in the first place.

But Cleveland's problems are not unique, and reflect the chronic

Civil Service status

From Mr Clifford C. Welch

Sir, David Walker's article (December 29) on Sir Robert Armstrong dealt, *inter alia*, with the problem of Civil Service morale and the loss of high-flyers to commerce and industry "because the old public service ethos... sits uneasily with the competitive spirit of private industry".

It may be argued that the problem is even wider; commerce and the City, just as much as the Civil Service and commerce, have found it difficult to understand one another.

Perhaps we could draw from the experience of France, whose recovery from the disastrous governments of pre and immediately post-war, allied to a cumbersome and bureaucratic public service, has been remarkable.

A major factor has been the positive programme of guiding the very best graduates along a career path that has involved spells, sometimes repeated, in the Civil Service and industry, and in banking and insurance.

The result has been a flowering of top management that sees itself as part of a national team, each member having had a personal insight into the total economy, unlike the watertight compartments that characterise the United Kingdom.

Whilst the financial rewards are not uniform across the board in France, the status and power that this system confers on the high-flying Civil Servant, plus opportunities for key jobs in Government-controlled companies, has kept the process moving to the apparent advantage of the French economy. The friendships created in this cross-fertilisation process are an important supportive element.

Yours faithfully,
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Dedham, Colchester, Essex.

Messina earthquake

From Lady Nicholson

Sir, Your account of the earthquake of Messina in your "On this day" column of January 11 prompts me to add a few details.

It was my mother's jewels which were found and returned by British sailors: she was visiting her parents over Christmas, 1908, with her baby son when the earthquake occurred in the night of December 28. She was partly buried and when dug out her first thought was for the child in a room next door.

There was nothing left but a hole in the wall and in despair she seized her jewels and threw them out onto the heap of rubble. The child and the nurse were killed. I still possess a string of pearls which were returned and also a large teddy bear, a Christmas gift to the child.

My mother was evacuated on a British naval vessel; the Captain told her her hair had turned completely white overnight.

Incidentally, I was told that Russian sailors had also given invaluable help. Yours sincerely,
V. V. NICHOLSON,
Messina House, Manor,
Isle of Wight.

the direction of extending development assistance. Meanwhile, the Ethiopian Government is in the process of taking necessary measures.

Pronouncement of prejudicial opinion and the systematic selection of the Ethiopian people as a target for persecution will not serve in justifying complex matters of drought and famine, particularly when facts are besieged with hearsay and sensational rumours.

Yours faithfully,
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Credit where due

From Mrs Mary Coughlan

Sir, John Grigg (article, January 2) writes, "I can think of only one book dedicated to an animal". Here are two more: Colonel Angus Buchanan's dedication in his book on the Sahara, 50 years' ago,

To Fati n'Gashi
Only a camel,
But steel true and
Great of heart.

and Mrs Frances Simpson's dedication in her book, *Cats for Pleasure and Profit*. To the many kind friends, known and unknown, that I have made in Pussycatdom.

Yours faithfully,
MARY COUGHLAN,
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Long Street, Sherborne, Dorset.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 16 1858

The instigator of this assassination plot was Felice Orsini, an Italian revolutionary, who saw in Napoleon III the chief obstacle to Italian independence. He was executed two months later.

THE TIMES OFFICE,
Saturday Morning.

EXPRESS FROM PARIS.

THE ATTEMPT
TO ASSASSINATE THE
EMPEROR.

The following is the letter of our Paris correspondent, dated yesterday (Friday), 6 p.m.:-

... About 9 o'clock the Imperial carriage arrived, preceded by another with the attendants, and followed by an ordinary escort of Lanciers. The Emperor, Empress and General Roguet, the Aide-de-Camp on duty, occupied the same carriage. On arriving at the theatre, near which some groups of spectators were standing, a loud explosion was heard, followed at the interval of a few seconds by another, and again a third — the loudest of all. A rush of the people on the Boulevards took place down the rue Lepelletier anxious to know what was the matter... It was known that the Emperor had been fired at, and rumours flew about of something still more disastrous. So far as the Emperor was personally concerned, however, all apprehension was soon removed, and an immense and enthusiastic shout told those who were at a distance that his Majesty was unhurt. In order to tranquillise the people, the Emperor on quitting his carriage, presented himself at the door and again on the balcony...

The assassins had provided themselves with hollow projectiles of the most deadly description, and contrived to fling them on the ground under the carriage, where they instantly exploded, and caused destruction among the bystanders. One of the carriage horses was killed on the spot, the other wounded; the carriage itself was broken to pieces; General Roguet who sat in front was wounded slightly, it is said, and two footmen who stood behind, dangerously. A bullet or fragment of a shell passed through the Emperor's hat, but did not touch him. The Emperor was also untouched...

[The Emperor's] first act was to send for medical assistance for the wounded; and these are, I fear, very many. Several Lanciers of the escort who were nearest to the carriage were seriously hurt, one or two are said to be killed. The number of persons more or less hurt is probably not less than 60. Several of these, however, are very lightly so; and four or five have either succumbed already or are not expected to live...

I have already alluded to the reception of their Majesties in the house. During the performances, which were longer than usual... they were cheered again and again in the warmest manner; and when they rose to depart, which they did not till the last moment, the audience rose, and the house rang to the very roof with acclamations...

About 2 o'clock (the following day) the Emperor and Empress left the Tuilleries in an open carriage and four with a single outrider, and an attendant in plain clothes riding on the right side. They were followed by another open carriage with two or three of the household — but not a single soldier as an escort... They both looked as calm and as well as I have ever seen them. The Empress wore a very thin veil over her bonnet...

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SATURDAY

A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE
ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

High Alps, hot air, cool heads



"It is probably the only way to travel," David Levin says. The man from Colorado has crossed lands in five continents with his eyes on the heavens as though following his star. "But it is truly the only way to arrive. You come unannounced to an unknown dot on your map; everyone comes running from their homes to wave; total strangers wade through waist-deep snow to bring you a flask of coffee, a bottle of their best wine, while the wife goes off to make a cake. You go anywhere by train or boat or car and get greeted like that?"

All doubtless true. Other singularities he might also have added: for such journeys, even bearded non-smokers start out dangerously under-prepared unless they have at least four boxes of Swan Vesta, and several tins of shaving foam.

You pick up fascinating tips like that in the company of competition hot-air balloonists, men whose understanding of vertigo rivals a whiff's grasp of calculus. Splendid chaps, all supposedly more dreamers who want nothing more than to escape earthly strain to drift around up there like thinking thistle-down.

Except that the hottest of hot-air pilots, once they pitch their armorial pear-drop tents in the sky, form a sports circus as competitive, as riven with old rivalries and unsettled scores, as Grand Prix motor racing. A dozen of such have been gathered in the almost ridiculously pretty Austrian village of St Gilgen this week, for the 10th BP Alpine Trophy.

Hot-air balloons dicing amid icy peaks is an obvious lunacy: trusting to nature above terrain so liable to change that the only "Met office" the locals commonly trust is the gothic village elder, who sniffs the wind coming over his woodshed and mutters "sturm im morgen" before slamming his door on all this wintertime nonsense. But then uncertainty to the point of treachery is the whole point.

Hot-air ballooning is a travel modus with a history but little past. In 1782, the Montgolfier brothers flew six miles suspended from an en-

Top balloonists gathered this week for a dangerous test of their skills. Brian James joined them

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velope full of air heated by burning straw bales. This newly-invented sport then virtually ceased to exist, killed by the efficient but expensive opposition of gas-filled ballooning. Revival came only on the coat-tails of newly-developed propane gas in 1908.

In the last 20 years, more than 350 British men and women have learned the skills to drift soundlessly across Cotswold fields at weekly balloon "meets"; 10 times as many Americans are licensed for the freedom of the air over Kansas farms, Californian groves.



But although 10 Americans a year fry themselves on power-lines, and British balloonists have been fired upon by farmers fearful of aborted cows, for a few with the "right stuff" such minimal risks needed expansion.

Hence the Alps. The first thing one observes, when looking down into one of those pretty little village-filled valleys, is that just across the ridge is not always another pretty little village-filled valley. Often, there is nothing but a plateau of tortured rockfaces and conifer woods, reached by no road or path, where a man,

put down, would not survive the first freezing night.

And that fluffy little fringe of cloud along the ridge is a 45-knot wind, which curls like an invisible "breaker" on the downslope, and can bring a balloon hurtling down at 2,000 feet a second. Which is why men like the British competition director Les Purfield become very prickly when checking the must-carry list of each balloon's contents, including Primus stoves and three day's rations for all on board (often one, sometimes two, rarely three). They have not lost a man yet, but a downed Hungarian pilot, who spent a full 24 hours before being found and airlifted out, has noticeably failed to enter since.

You will be wondering about Swan Vesta. David Cator, who runs a school for balloonists at Prescott, Gloucestershire, explains: "Balloons are kept aloft by gusts of air heated by 15-foot flames from the jets. The gas is ignited by a pilot light. At altitude, pilot lights can starve of oxygen and splutter out. Then you reach for a match."

"Problem is, I am a pipe smoker. Tend to stick dead matches back in the box. One day, not very high but very far from any flat field, I found that what with my pipe and the pilot I had gone through three boxes; now I go up bristling with spares, each with red-top matches sticking out the top, ready to grab."

And the shaving foam? "Balloons can't steer. Your only control is by ascending or descending to find a strata of air which is going roughly where you want to be carried. If we chuck foam over the side, it is so light that we can watch it glancing in the sunlight, all the way down, and spot any helpful wind. Often we tear down after it, and pass it going up."

Even with the most modern radar-based technology - and all the foam in the world - great pilots do get it wrong. Somewhere off in the ragged peaks that surround St Gilgen, a giant yellow canopy of the old Zeppelin balloon lies draped across the treetops where it came to rest eight years ago.

It is a sight to sadden all those that follow. And also a tale to give considerable pause when told to us at 10,000 feet aloft in the current Zeppelin balloon, on a not dissimilar course above Lake Wolfgang. Treeless clearings seemed never than a few seconds before.

But Gottfried Zach, the pilot, was to put down our basket with the elegant aplomb of a Ritz waiter placing a warmed brandy balloon to hand. Yet only an hour later, another balloonist battered his basket on landing hard enough to shatter crash-helmets just as Alpine wind demonstrated its power to snatch the 1,000 yards of garish nylon from the most skilled hands, and use it to gift-wrap a church.

The Alpine Trophy used to be an endurance event: how far you could get was all that mattered. But the aces started coming down only feet from Austria's tricky borders with Eastern bloc neighbours, so this year the event is decided by success in a series of daily



Wild, wide blue yonder: a hot-air balloon sails peacefully across the skies above the mountain tops - but danger may lurk in the Alps.

set "tasks" calling for accuracy in navigation and balloon-handling. The top prize is £1,000, but only the first five expect to cover their expenses.

They are a motley bunch, balloonists: an actor, a dentist, a surgeon, and an industrialist, all either able to afford the £12,000-£16,000 that a craft costs (usually a sponsor can be found to pay \$4,000 to have his logo on the fabric), or content to have dropped out from some unspecified race to take their chances living off their balloons... building them, flying them, teaching other pilots.

More than half of the aces are men familiar with other forms of flying, such as airline and helicopter pilots, and men who learned first to operate gliders, hang-gliders or microlites. What drew them into hot-air flight they answer, almost in chorus, is the absence of the mechanical clatter and chatter of today's crowded airways. If they choose, they can drift alone with no sound save the occasional dragon's

breath roar of the burner. But you have to cross-examine to get that sort of answer. Together, they talk of barometers and wind shear, and of the sport's jollier moments. How one of their number took his son aloft on Christmas Eve, and hovering above a forest, cut his tree from the loftiest pine.



The large, silent shapes are seen in parts of the world even a Phineas Fogg might have deemed too distant. These men have tales of launching in desert dunes and landings in the minus 30° temperatures of the Arctic Circle. Some are off soon to cross Australia as a bicentennial stunt.

Yet the picturesque cluster of cuckoo-clock homes of St Gilgen (previously famous in its 600 years only for having

given birth to Mozart's mother) is famed above all, Levin, a world champion, explains: "Because it is the most scenic. And also the most tricky. There is a league of international pilots who get stale drifting over farmlands. Not here; nowhere are you more aware of the Balloonists Code of Survival. 'Better be down here wishing you were up, than being up there wishing you were down'."

Or as Tom Donnelly, a Yorkshireman who for a living paints airships or coaxes those inflatable adverts like giant beer bottles and tyres across the world's skies, says: "I come to St Gilgen because there is nowhere else where you can skid over a peak at 40mph and be aware, not of how easy it would be to die, but how magnificent it is to be up there, alive."

"I once floated for seven hours and 45 minutes to Graz, and did not stop murmuring 'wow' to myself, all the way."

What other way to travel, indeed.

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Trapped and terrified - at 2,000 foot

Playing with even the most beautiful balloons can harm your health. Katerina Trifonov, a British-qualified pilot crewing for her father at the championships, described how, a month ago, she took two friends for a flight near Vienna. All went perfectly - until 40 feet from the ground on the descent.

Then a sudden down-draught slammed her balloon into the ground. Katerina, aged 17, and one passenger were hurled clear. The second passenger, 21-year-old Monica Kramer, hit her head and fell dazed into the bottom of the basket. When she regained her feet, she was at 2,000 feet. Above solid cloud. And alone.

In falling, she had turned on the burner, sending the balloon shooting skywards. Now, suddenly flying solo on her first flight, she remembered only that the way to deflate the balloon was to pull the parachute rip-cord to open the vent at the top of the envelope. But the cord had fallen across the flame on the ascent and was burnt through and useless -



Thrown out: Katerina Trifonov, pilot of the runaway

which was fortunate, because a panicked by a novice would have brought the balloon crashing to earth.

What Monica did was to switch the burners off and wait for the balloon to sink to what awaited beneath the clouds. She descended into a field free

ready to shoot. Monica had managed to drift down towards the last safe field in Austria.

A British crewman, who was lecturing some Austrian villagers who had swarmed to lend a hand in steadying the baskets on another flight, was emphatic on the need to let go the moment the pull of the balloon lifted their heels off the ground. He then explained: "A while back, in England, a balloonist gave the signal for release and soared smartly up to 500 feet. He then noticed 10 little pink fingers twitching along the edge of his basket. He leaped over into an unknown face, and swears hearing a small voice inquiring, very politely, 'Is it all right if I come in now?'"

Alpine ballooning takes place at St Gilgen every January: at the end of this month, another balloon week begins in Chateau d'Oax, Switzerland. National tourist offices may also be able to give information about other hot-air balloon "festivals": inquire at the beginning of each winter. Casual helpers are often made welcome - and rewarded with a flight.

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

TRAVEL

Keep a weather eye...

SKI REPORT
Although there has been some snow in the last two weeks, the pistes throughout the Alps are still pretty threadbare, especially at low levels. There is the prospect of better snow, however, so it is particularly important to know when there are forecasts of any fine spells.
Reliable local forecasts are often hard to come by. Be wary of what the locals say... they are inclined to tell you what you want to hear. More useful are the forecasts that are posted in the tourist office and sometimes broadcast in English on local radio.
If the weather is in a really changeable mood, it pays to keep an eye on the sky. Advancing high clouds and the formation of lens-shaped clouds on the highest peaks are a sure sign that sunny conditions are unlikely to last long. Thinning clouds after snow fall may mean better conditions at high level.

Bill Burroughs

SKI EVENTS

AUSTRIA

Badgastein: Ladies' World Cup downhill and slalom, 23-24.

SWITZERLAND

Wengen: Men's World Cup downhill and slalom, 23-24. The Lauberhorn. St Moritz: World Cup Nordic jumping, 20. Oberhof: The Mardachon Cup (traditional toboggans), 27. Engelberg: World Cup Nordic jumping, 22. Gstaad: World Cup Nordic jumping, 24. Verbier: FIS slalom and giant slalom, 20-21.

FRANCE

Avoriaz: International film festival, 16-26. Le Puy: French bob championships, 22-24. Les Menuires: Paris Championships men's and ladies' slalom, Super-G and downhill, 21-24. Courchevel 1988: The Australian Cup, 20. St. Gervais: "Snow and Fire", 21. Meribel: International on-snow show jumping, 22-24.

ITALY

Cervinia: The Volvo ski show, 23-24.

Peter Hankey

Into the Red Centre

Concluding his travels in Australia, Michael Watkins journeys into the blazing heartland of the continent

The beer counter at the Todd Tavern in Alice Springs used to be five feet high and four feet across, to prevent customers grabbing the barmaids. This suggests that either the rangers, jackeroos — cattlemen by other names — were sex maniacs, or that women were in short supply. There is a third choice: that both conclusions are correct, and that they are symptomatic of life in an outback, frontier town.
The Alice is a long way from anywhere, bang in the middle of the Red Centre — the Dead Heart, as it is also known — 1,000 miles from a comparable settlement. By air you approach over the Simpson Desert, a bowl of red dust from one horizon to the next. "Folks," announced the pilot, "you gotta be tougher than me if you're staying in Alice. It's 115°F in the shade down there. I've got the latest fatalities to cheer you up — five from crocodiles, 15 climbing Ayers Rock." He was right, it was hot enough to coddle your eyeballs.
Joe Harman, in Nevil Shute's book, called it a "bonza" town; yet the melancholy truth is that Alice doesn't live here any more, not the Alice Joe knew. Coolabah trees still line the streets, the Flying Doctor Service still operates; but today's there's a shopping mall, a Sheraton... and it is my opinion that there are so many anthropologists preparing theses on Aborigines that the Aborigines are pouring into town to make a study of the anthropologists.
I stayed just outside Alice with Rod and Debbie Steiner. Rod runs Dreamtime Tours, trailing tourists into the bush to demonstrate how "blackfellas" lived before "whitefellas" opened supermarkets. With his Aboriginal friends he shows how they found bush tucker, cooking grubs. They teach the rudiments of boomerang throwing and explain traditions behind their "ooroborees", dances that bring the land to life. For, in the beginning was the Dreamtime when the earth was flat and dressed in darkness, when the Dreamtime heroes, both in human and animal form, created their epic struggles, establishing laws to which they still adhere.
The more I listened to whitefellas talk, the less I understood; it seemed to me that there were as many Aboriginal stories as there were Aborigines. "They've even got cars," said someone. "They don't go walkabout, they go wheelabout. They're so stupid that when they run out of petrol they think the car's broken and they set fire to it." "If they're that stupid," said someone else, "how did they survive this climate for 40,000 years?" My cuttings from the Sydney Morning Herald reported the formation, in Katherine, of SPONGE (Society for the Prevention of Niggers Getting Everything).
It was at the Steiners' that I met Gil and Verlie Bowman, who said why didn't I come stay with them; they had a cattle station, "the fourth house north of Alice." Four houses and heaven knows how long after, we turned into a driveway. "Only 20 miles now," said Verlie.
Four thousand head of cattle, mostly Herefords, are supported by their 1,100 square miles of property.



Blazing saddles: Aborigine stockmen on a round-up in the heat and dust of one of the cattle stations of the Northern Territory

My house is clean enough to be healthy, and dirty enough to be happy

Their nearest neighbour was 36 miles away; their fingers drank at the Ti-Tee pub 50 miles off. They were entering their fourth summer of drought and they'd had about enough. They and two boys, Neil, 12, at boarding school; Alan, nine, being educated at home by the School of the Air. The homestead was a no-frills bungalow with a sign on the mosquito-netted porch: "My house is clean enough to be healthy and dirty enough to be happy".
I was happy at Pine Hill Station, picking up the fragments of outback life and gossip. Neither had been to charm school, they didn't use table-napkins or euphemisms. They showed me their land, rough, dry, covered with mulla scrub, beautiful. But times aren't good. You'd think people with a firm the size of an English county would be flush enough; but Verlie wants to get in on "this tourist thing, get folks to staying the old homestead". Gil caught my eye and, wisely, kept his trap shut.

Is it possible that this monolith is the biggest joke in the world?

Back in Alice I asked around for the best pub. "Try the Old Alice Inn," someone advised. Then I met Pat and Norma Brennan who asked me to stay with them. Everyone wanted me to stay. Pat, who'd married Norma when there were 20 men to each woman in Alice Springs, was bush-happy, really miserable unless pulling down a steer, shearing sheep or scavenging for bits of wood to build a fire. He jolted me half to death in the MacDonnell Ranges out towards Heasts Bluff and Carmichael Creek and when we put up at the Glen Helen pub, who should be at the bar but his mates, Wallaby Waudby and Audrey who'd driven about 120 miles for a beer.
I'd got one more call. Everyone seems to think that Ayers Rock is a suburb of Alice Springs; in fact it's about an hour's flight; settling you down at Yulara. It was here, in 1980, that baby Azaria Chamberlain was taken by a dingo from her parents' tent and never seen again. To the Aborigines, Uluru — Ayers Rock — is a place of deep spiritual significance from the Dreamtime, significantly evil, too, associated with the hatred between the Mala tribe and the Wintjiks, resolved when the latter sent a man, bad spirit, to punish their enemies. The spirit being Kurpanngu, the devil dingo.
Seen from a distance, in daylight, Uluru looks like a dun-coloured cow-pat; only when you draw closer does its power stare you. Tour buses

What I needed, perhaps, was the reassurance of Aussie irreverence of the sort that sponsors the Alice Springs annual regatta, Henley-on-Todd as it is called. The River Todd is, of course, dry and competing boats are bottomless. The whole event is regarded as a better joke than the America's Cup. I mean, the world is groaning with jocular looking, more accessible lumps of rock than Ayers Rock, despite its plausible packaging. Is it possible that as well as being the biggest monolith, it is also the biggest joke on earth? Which no one has twigged? Until now.

paw at its base day long, commencing back and forth to the Yulara hotel complex; the average visitor-stay being one night. In three days I stood before it at dawn and at sunset, watching it burn with an appalling energy; I flew over it in a four-seater plane; I touched its coarse-grained elephant hide. I did everything but climb it. The truth was that I was chicken; I'd read about the bad spirits. I had also read of the Chamberlain case that Aboriginal elders saw it as a vengeful act of Kurpanngu on the white man for trespassing upon sacred ground.
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To the aid of drivers

TRAVEL NEWS

Learn how to say slow down or stop in the local language. This is one of the World Health Organization's (WHO) hints to travellers on how to avoid catching AIDS. The advice is about careful driving to avoid accidents, and thus blood transfusions, but it could be useful in social situations.

The latest version of the WHO pamphlet, *AIDS Information For Travellers*, includes revised advice on the sterilization of injection equipment. Re-usable needles and syringes should be cleaned then boiled for 20 minutes. This supercedes earlier guidance on chemical sterilization.
Fear of AIDS should not prevent travel to any destination the organization says.

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Plain tails from the stewpot

Usually I can hardly wait to get back into my kitchen to try out all the new ideas I've picked up during my travels. This time was an exception. All we wanted this time after our American trip was light fish dishes, pasta and plain green salads to help us get over the jet lag, and then soups and casseroles to warm us up. An empty refrigerator, fruit bowl and vegetable basket are, in any case, probably not the best inspiration for getting started on some Californian delicacies. Next week, perhaps.

My shopping expedition was carefully planned. First to the butcher for veal bones and a whole oxtail, chopped into pieces. Stock would be made from the bones and the smallest, boniest segments of oxtail. While the stock was simmering, I made a casserole with the rest of the oxtail.

It remains one of the best bargains to be had at the butchers at less than £1 a pound. A whole oxtail weighs about 3 lb/1.35kg prepared weight. For four people, you need most of it as it has a large proportion of bone to meat. For two people, I still stew it all, using some in a casserole the next day and the rest in a soup later in the week with the addition of root vegetables or potatoes and stock.

I always cook this type of stew or casserole the day before required. Not only do you have a better flavour because all the ingredients have had longer to blend and marry, but almost all of the fat can be removed once it has cooled, turning it into a relatively low fat dish. Meat on the bone, such as oxtail or shin beef, should be cooked very slowly so that the tissues break down and the gelatine is released to produce a tender stew with a rich sticky sauce. Extra rich stickiness can be achieved by adding a chopped pig's trotter.

The recipe I have given is a simple one that can be adapted in many ways to suit what you have available. You might like to use small onions, a little mustard and some beer for a robust flavour or olives, a twist of orange zest, garlic and dry



Frances Bissell arrives home jet-lagged from California to the winter, finds fridge and vegetable basket bare, and decides to grab an ox by the tail when she visits the butcher on the lookout for a bargain

white wine for a Mediterranean flavour.

This month sees the appearance of forced rhubarb, a truly native delicacy that comes to us from Yorkshire and Humberside. I welcome its fresh, tart qualities in my kitchen after months of imported fruit. Try serving it in lightly poached batons with fish instead of serving a large wedge of lemon. Or consider using it with one of the richer meats, such as pork or duck. Last winter in Germany, I came across cold rhubarb soup served as a palate-cleanser between courses instead of a sorbet. It was delicious. It would probably also go well at the beginning of a meal in the manner of the Scandinavian fruit soups, but I would be just as happy to serve it as a final course after a rich, meaty stew.

I have to admit to a little experimenting in my kitchen this week. Wherever we ate in San Francisco and New York, My husband, Tom, always chose the black bean soup. From Jeremiah Tower's lively and bustling Stars restaurant to the elegant 21 Club in New York, I kept hearing a plaintive "we don't

get that at home." We do now. And the recipe which follows has met with approval.

Black bean soup
Serves 4 to 6
1/2 lb/230g black kidney beans
1 medium onion
1 tablespoon sunflower or olive oil
1 level tablespoon ground cumin
1 level tablespoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or chilli powder
3 cloves or 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 tablespoon tomato purée
1 pint/570mls stock or water
salt to taste
Garnish
4 tablespoons good dry or medium sherry, optional
Chopped parsley
4 thin slices lemon
4 teaspoons soured cream or thick yoghurt

Soak the beans in cold water overnight. Next day drain and rinse them and place in a saucepan covered by at least two inches water. Bring slowly to the boil, cover and barely simmer for two to two-and-a-half hours until the beans are tender (you can also cook them in a low oven). Meanwhile, peel and finely chop the onion, and fry it in the oil in a heavy saucepan until beginning to brown. Add the cumin, paprika, cayenne or chilli and cloves and cook for two to three minutes. Stir in the tomato purée, and cook until it thickens and darkens as the water evaporates from it. Pour on half the stock or water, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 30 minutes or so until the beans are soft.

Allow the cooked beans to cool slightly in their liquid before making a purée of them in food processor or blender. It is best to do this in two batches unless you have a large capacity machine. Add the bean purée to the onion and spice mixture, together with the rest of the stock or water. Stir until thoroughly mixed, bring to the boil and add salt to

your taste. If the consistency is too thick for you, gradually add a little more water or stock and appropriate seasoning until the taste and consistency are as you want them.

There seems to be several ways of serving the soup, with or without sherry, with or without a thin slice of hard-boiled egg, with or without a thin slice of lemon, in any combination. I like to serve the soup very hot, pouring it practically boiling into earthenware dishes containing a splash of sherry (or even better, rum, the heat of the soup evaporating most of the alcohol and leaving the spirit flavour behind) and adding a very thin slice of lemon, some finely chopped parsley and perhaps a spoonful of soured cream.

Rhubarb soup
Serves 4
1 1/2 lbs/675g rhubarb
1/2 pint/280mls water
1/2 vanilla pod
1 tablespoon sugar to begin with, then more according to taste

Spring of thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme or any other herb you like
Salt and pepper to taste

Remove as much fat as possible from the oxtail, and fry it in a heavy well-seasoned or non-stick pan until browned all over. Peel and slice the onion and fry until light brown. Rub the tomatoes through a sieve on top of the meat and onion, add the liquid and herbs, bring to the boil, cover, turn the heat right down, and let it barely simmer for about two hours or until the meat is tender. Remove from the heat, allow to cool in the pan and refrigerate until next day. About half an hour before you want to serve it, remove from the refrigerator. The fat will have solidified on top and every scrap can be removed. Gently reheat the stew, and simmer it for 15 minutes or so. Season to taste and garnish with some greenery. This is good served with braised or steamed celery hearts and mashed potatoes or with broccoli and broad egg noodles. We also like it with flagolet, haricot or cannellini beans, pre-soaked and cooked as described in the previous recipe.

Trim the rhubarb top and bottom, but do not peel it. Cut into 4cm/1 1/2 inch chunks, place in a pan with the water, vanilla pod and 1 tablespoon sugar. Cover with a lid and stew the rhubarb very gently until soft. Remove the vanilla pod and put to one side. Strain the rhubarb and liquid through scalded muslin into a jug or basin. Sweeten a little more, but bear in mind that the finished soup should be refreshing to the palate and thus still quite sharp. Scrape a little of the vanilla seed into the liquid and chill thoroughly before serving.

EATING OUT

The French without the frisson

Visiting two Paris-style restaurants, Jonathan Meades searches in vain for the true flavour of the Left Bank

I am not certain that a restaurant called La Rive Gauche or one called The Left Bank argues well. After all, the area they celebrate is a leading site of institutionalized bohemianism, chi-chi, boutique, dreary fumeurs and terrific rip-off: the other side of the Seine is infinitely more interesting—but no one in London is going to open a restaurant and call it Magenta or Bures Chamois or Barbes Rochechouart. Those names are largely mute to an English audience whereas La Rive Gauche, The Left Bank... well, they're universal signals of informality, youthfulness, rebellion and other such marketable qualities. Odd then, maybe, that you don't get any of those flavours at La Rive Gauche in Waterloo—but then you don't get much of anything. I'm not talking about the cooking but about the atmosphere of colour or *mise-en-scène*. This may, of course, have been because the night I went the place was almost empty. But it may be

the other way round, it may be that it's the place's very ordinariness which prompts its emptiness. There's nothing seriously off-putting about it, but the combination of chrome and wicker chairs, pastel prints, bald up-lighting, silk flowers and non-stop Radio 2 music is not perhaps the most alluring that one has ever witnessed.

What it sets out to do is fairly modest and it achieves it well: this is not intended as faint praise. The cooking is of two genres: there's the quasi-rustic bistro stuff and there's the artier, more "modern" stuff.

Of the first we ate a salty salad of chicory, bacon and Roquefort and a nicely sauced pepper corn sauce; of the latter we had a kidney-size portion of a layered terrine of smoked salmon and cream with a marginally too tart sauce, and a very delicious grilled red mullet in an impeccable butter sauce. flavoured with rosemary. The main courses were impressive, the starters not, nor the vegetables for that matter, which included a severely undercooked potato galette. A sweet of white and dark chocolate was given an orange custard sauce, the cheeses were given no chance, having been dragged from the fridge. With a bottle of Châteaufort-Pape, one aperitif and two digestifs the cost was £72.

The Left Bank costs two thirds of that rather rich total. It acknowledges Paris Gême in more than name—throughout the evening I was there a series of types of pleasant but unremarkable chanson were played. In all else, apart from

its intermittently excellent cooking, it is English. It is on a site in West Brompton that has been occupied previously by such restaurants as, in the '60s, Nick's Diner and more recently by Martin's. The ghosts of restaurants past strike me as a potential millstone, but The Left Bank seems to be coping well.

The wallpaper is pink and beige, it is hung with 18th century portraits and 19th century animal paintings and sports some chunks of art nouveau; the tables and chairs are at odds with this decorative programme—they are cheapish repro, stained dark brown and the tables don't have cloths. The English staff



are youngish, keen, unusually francophile and seem to know what they're about. The cook, a Breton called Roger Houart, certainly knows what he's about and the menu he's devised is not much like that of anywhere else. It is very meaty and promises a directness of execution which is fulfilled. His cooking is by no means crude but it is unquestionably concerned with feeding the punter—portions are large, and flavours are pretty emphatic without being caricatures of themselves. Again, sweetbreads are served in a dark gravy which hasn't suffered reduction into elasticity. That was a delightful dish and so was a warm salad of large duck livers with chicory, the usual fancy lettuce and grated hazelnuts.

The idea of goose jugged, à l'écuyer, is an appealing one; the actuality though was slightly disappointing. The meat might have been, say, stewing steak. Our one fish dish, a copious pile of marinated salmon with crème fraîche, was splendid. A marquise au chocolat was an impostor pretending to be a nob, a nougat place was much sounder. We drank, from an enterprising list, a Beaune which faded dramatically throughout the course of the meal. The bill was £50 for two, which given the standard of the cooking and the congeniality of the place was reasonable—this is one to watch.

La Rive Gauche, 81 The Cut, London SE1 (028 8845). 12-2 and 6-11 Mon to Sat. Closed Sat lunch and all Sunday. The Left Bank, 88 Hild Road, London SW10 (352 0970). 12-3 and 7-11 every day except Saturday lunch.

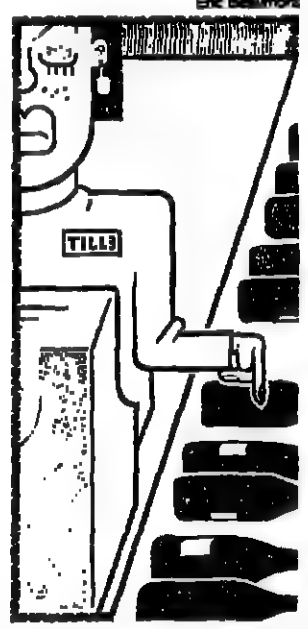
DRINK

Vintage checkouts

To stock or not to stock fine wine, what to call it and where to put it, must be every supermarket buyer's trickiest decisions. Given that supermarket sales must now account for well over a third of all the wine bottles bought in Britain, the temptation to grab yet another slice of the traditional wine trade is strong.

But unlike wine warehouses, whose every outlet counts as a depot and selling unit, supermarket wine sales face a weekly worry: how much vintage wine should they send out to each branch, how rapidly should they re-order, and are profit margins increasing as a result? Fine wine is a much slower seller than cheap own-label wines and, for its quality to be preserved, needs to be laid down horizontally in space-consuming racks. Customers of wine warehouses and wine merchants also know that their precious, expensive vintage bottles have been stored horizontally, away from light, in their original boxes in cool surroundings, until bought. No such guarantee comes with supermarket bottles in bright, hot shops.

Canary supermarket men have rapidly realized, however, the important marketing advantages of stocking fine wine; considerable cachet is gleaned by lining up *cuvée* classé claret, from first growth châteaux, alongside infinitely less desirable and infinitely cheaper non-vintage Minervois or Corbières. No wonder Sainsbury's stock '80 Les Forts de Latour (£13.95) or '81



Pavillon Rouge du Chateau Margaux (£14.25). Tesco sell the '83 for £13.99.

The latest supermarket recruit to succumb to the heady, high price delights of the fine wine world is Marks & Spencer, whose 18-wine Centurion Collection was launched in a trio of key stores last September. Since then this pricey, but worthwhile, fine vintage wine collection—ranging from £9.99 a bottle up to an impressive £18.50 for a splendid '84 Puligny-Montrachet—has been making progress, according to M & S, and has now appeared in four more leading stores. Encouragingly, the company intends to expand the range.

Sainsbury's launched its then 29-strong Vintage Selection range in 1983 and Waitrose had been selling a wide range of fine wine in racks for years, without bothering to give it a name or to put a seal on the label. Sainsbury's Vintage Selection now boasts 50 different wines which, judging from my recent tasting, are a great improvement on the original 29. Ninety Sainsbury's stores carry the full range, with a further 97 stores carrying 26 Vintage Selection wines.

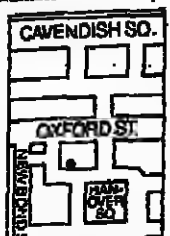
Good warming January buys from Sainsbury's VS range include a glorious Portuguese red, the '78 Romeira Garrafeira (£3.45), whose full purple colour and wonderful spicy, cinnamon fruit would make a perfect partner for winter stews and casseroles. As would their '83 Châteaufort-Pape from Domaine André Brunel (£6.75), with its appealing, rich, savoury-spiciness. The star buys in Marks & Spencer's Centurion Collection include a glorious '80 Chambolle Musigny from Chanson (£9.99), whose pale, garnet-orange colour, fragrant cinnamon scent plus a light, savoury almost Martini-like palate all add up to a classic glass of red Burgundy. Equally impressive is M & S's '77 Haut-Batilly (£11), whose delicious rich, firm cedary fruit shows that excellent wines can still be made in difficult Bordeaux vineyards.

Jane MacQuitty

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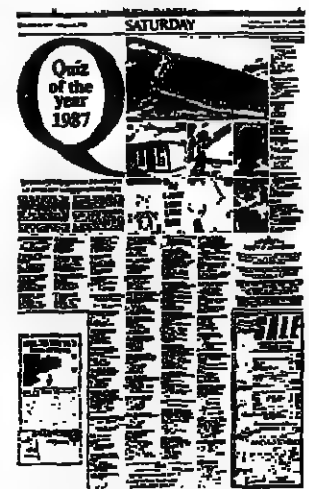
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Quiz winners

The questions that foxed you, and how we are sharing out the champagne...

Of the several hundred entries which had arrived by January 11, only three had correctly answered all the questions. They were: Mrs M Brookes, from Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire; Mr J Prentice, from Ruislip, Middlesex; and Miss A McRae, from Surbiton, Surrey. A further two entrants had all but one question correct and 30 had all but two correct. The questions that proved to be their undoing were numbers 9 and 15. Competitors wrongly believed that the member of the Royal Family who sliced a human eyeball was Princess Michael of Kent whereas it was The Duke of York; and they were similarly convinced that Jean-Marie Le Pen stated that "the SS were as much victims as the Jews were". The correct answer was Sir Alfred Sherman.

The six cases of Moët & Chandon Dry Imperial Rosé champagne (worth £226 each) will therefore be divided among the five leading entries



in the following way. Each of the five will receive a case of champagne and the sixth case will be divided among the three outright winners who will, therefore, receive 16 bottles in all.

Here are the correct answers:

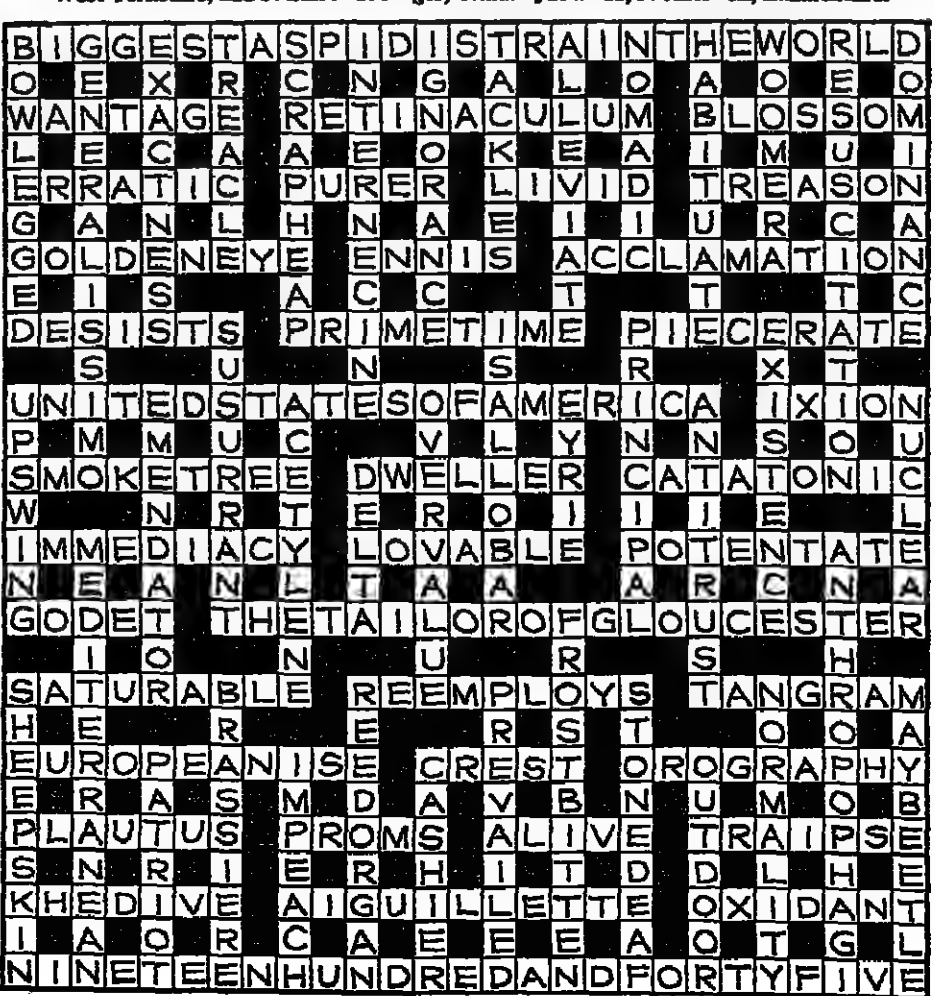
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Picture questions.

A: 4. B: 3. C: 4. D: 3. E: 1. F: 1. G: 1. H: 1.

Christmas Jumbo solution

The five winners of The Times Christmas Jumbo Crossword Competition, who each receive £50, are: Dr A.G. Beckett, of Huxon Close, north-west London; Mrs E.K. Ager, of Woodcock Road, Norwich, Norfolk; R.M. Drew, of Talbot Road, Bristol; Gwyneth Pitt, of Hollis Mount, Leeds, West Yorkshire; and J. Sim MacGregor, Strathclyde Road, Motherwell, Lanarkshire.



THE ARTS

Serious comics

Hey, kids! Here's a nasty problem for the form swot. How can you possibly make a programme about Desperate Dan, Minnie the Minx, Lord Snooty, Dennis the Menace and the rest which is anything but hilariously funny? Answer: Give it to *Arena* (BBC2), and let them tell *The Dandy-Beano Story* with dead-pan, deadening seriousness.

Perhaps they were following the Gilbertian injunction to treat a thoroughly serious subject in a thoroughly serious manner. Perhaps they were trying to reflect the pragmatic, dour, Scots wisdom which lies behind 50 years of these two comics, products of *Thirties* fantasy, *Forties* escapism and *Fifties* austerity.

But the programme observed little and explained nothing. The nice young men in charge of the comics sat in line on a sofa like Gilbert and George. Their employees introduced themselves with bald lines to camera and we never saw them in the process of

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creation. Old employees were wheeled out (including the Chairman of the IBA, once editor of *Dandy* for six months). Slightly famous people like Flink and Law of *Spiriting Image*, and A.N. Wilson (sitting giggling with his cat on his front doorstep) were allowed to say why the comics' rebellious, anti-adults, anti-establishment stance appealed to them.

Is this kind of elliptical BBC2 documentary-making going to be standard practice in the Youtub age? Come on, teacher, we want a fact! How do they draw the comics? Let's see them working out a story! What do educationalists and children's writers think of them? (Rosalind Wiseman might have had a thing or two to say). How many do they sell? Who reads them now? How have they remained unaffected by television?

We were left with Wilson's heroic verdict that *Desperate Dan* stands in the tradition of *Samson and Boowolf*. Gosh!

William Holmes

Queen of the Bali Ha'i

Sheridan Morley talks to Bertice Reading, who plays Bloody Mary in the West End revival of *South Pacific*



Bertice Reading: "At this rate I'm probably going to die as Bloody Mary... she really is mine at last"

When *South Pacific* opens at the Prince of Wales theatre on Wednesday after a week of previews, for what will be its first professional London revival in all of 37 years, Bloody Mary will be played by Bertice Reading; it is hard to think of more formidably apposite casting.

"The thing about Bloody Mary," says Miss Reading, "is that she's a singing Mother Courage, all right as a friend but deadly as an enemy. When they told me a year ago that I was up for this production I went back to the original Michener short story, *For Dolly*, and what you find there is a real earth mother belching her way through insults."

"In the film they made her fatally ladylike, and although the Rodgers-Hammerstein office are still very wary of any change, I have at least tried to suggest that there's something very creepy about a lady who can conjure whole islands like Bali Ha'i out of nowhere."

Now that she has finally been cast in a role she was surely born to play, Miss Reading reckons with faint alarm that she may be doing it for ever. "We've been taking nearly a quarter of a million pounds a week on the road in Manchester and Plymouth, mainly I think because it's been so long since people got to see a really strong revival of one of the all-time classic musicals."

"There's something very romantic about *South Pacific*: man meets girl, gives her a box of chocolates and three months later they kiss. None of that 'four places or mine?' rubbish, and when you hear an orchestra of 30 striking up that overture you know you're home."

"Ronnie Lee, our producer, is already talking about Tokyo and Australia, so at this rate I'm probably going to die as Bloody Mary. She really is mine at last."

It is easy to forget, at this distance, that *South Pacific* when it was first seen in the late 1940s represented a certain breakthrough in American musicals. One of its least-known songs, the virtuosically anti-racist "You Have To Be Carefully Taught", caused considerable unrest in the deep South where, as Miss Reading recalls, "us niggers were still being strung from trees".

She herself has not led the most sheltered of lives even over here:

"When I first came off the boat as a band singer with Lionel Hampton in the early 1950s, blacks were still so rare on Regent Street that people stared at me with their mouths open in astonishment. Whenever I tried to rent a flat porters would tell me they were all full, so finally my agent had to do it for me, and even then

they charged double because I was black and a nightclub singer into the bargain. Then all the Arabs started to arrive and prices went through the roof, and nobody cared what colour you were after that."

Now in her middle fifties with a shock of white hair, the survivor of three marriages (to a Swiss im-

presario, a Belgian airline executive and an English aristocrat), Miss Reading was the only child of a hospital therapist in Philadelphia, from where she won the talent contest that got her into the Hampton orchestra.

"My opening week with them we did the first Eisenhower inaugura-

tion and Hampton seemed to like the way I sang, so I stayed with him for years," she says. "Mother was livid about my going into something as risky as showbusiness but Father, who had held his tongue all through their marriage, suddenly spoke up and said that if she tried to stop me he would leave home too, so that more or less settled that."

When she started with Hampton, black music was still preserved in a ghetto of its own. "You had black record labels and white record labels and although Lena Horne and Nat Cole had just begun the crossover, people like Sarah Vaughan and I had a lot more trouble. In London I left the Hampton orchestra and went into *The Jazz Train*, which was the first black musical since *Porgy*, and from there Tony Richardson took me to the Royal Court where I did *Member of the Wedding* and a lot of other plays which taught me how to act."

"If you can make people understand the point of a song in less than three minutes, it's not so hard to make them understand the point of a script in more than two hours."

Then came *Valmouth*, for which Sandy Wilson wrote her the role of Mrs Yaj, and by that time she had also taken up residence in Paris and Geneva to solve various immigration problems.

"I still love Paris, especially since last year they invited me for three weeks and then three months to star at the *Folies Bergère* singing on a tightrope. I was really 10 years too old for it, and I never did look especially good in plumage, but *Le Figue* had a banner headline reading 'The black pearl has arrived', and not just on the showbusiness page but at the very front. Over here I mainly get offers of big black Mamas, though what I really want is a television chat show - England is still years behind America in what they allow black women to do on the screen. But I never want to be typecast, not even as Bloody Mary. I never even wanted to be in *Porgy and Bess* unless they'd let me play Porgy: Bess is such a wimp. Most of my spare time now I spend writing my autobiography, and trying to remember where the hell I've been all these years."

I only hope she decides to call it *A Little Light Reading*.

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A rare talent

CONCERT

PLG/Young Artists Purcell Room

The Park Lane Group's Young Artists and Twentieth Century Music series yielded a rare surprise last night, in the form of a genuinely young artist, the 19-year-old cellist Robert Max, whose talents are of the highest quality.

It is not only his sure and mellow sound that discloses his class, but also his platform manner. He strikes on to the stage and proceeds to play while seeming scarcely to move either his body or the instrument.

Evidently his teachers have instilled, or perhaps simply maintained, in him a physical harmony that enables him to direct all his energy towards realizing the music.

What is more, he realizes it superbly. He gave a performance of Bridge's Cello Sonata of mature breadth, ably encouraged by his pianist, Rebecca Holt, while neither George Crumb's solo Sonata, an early piece worlds removed from the sounds of *Ancient Voices of Children*, nor Simon Rachman's enigmatically entitled *Cronache d'Orefici de Cuille*, challenged him.

His concert was shared with a group of four clarinetists called No Strings Attached, a name more appealing than their instrumental combination. The best of their offering was Elliott Carter's three-movement Canonic suite.

Otherwise, Alfred Uhl's Divertimento inhabited that well-populated region of honest workaday music, while Nicholas Haye's equally functional quartet, here receiving its premiere, simply did not know when to stop.

Once more, the early evening concert presented a group of thoroughbred professionals, this time the 13 strikingly youthful players of Parnassus. In their hands, Rousseau's Sinfonietta bustled with energy.

Stephen Pettitt

Open-minded, but introverted

DEBUT

Roxanne Wruble, according to her biography, is a widely experienced and, as far as repertoire is concerned, refreshingly open-minded, American pianist. How disappointing, then, to have to report on her introverted and dull playing in her London debut recital.

She began with Beethoven's Sonata in B flat, Op 22, which requires a mellowness of tone and a feeling for graceful shapes which she simply lacked. There was inadequate contrast of dynamic, while she seemed loth to use the vast resonance of the instrument to its full capabilities.

This timid interpretation, hampered also by some fairly stiff-sounding fingerwork, was followed by an enterprising selection of Nocturnes, by Barber, John Field and Chopin, in which there was a marginally greater degree of ripeness in her tone, but in which her imagination still seemed earthbound.

There was no miraculous transformation, either, for Chopin's B minor Scherzo, in whose faster passages what power there was in her fingers seemed to wilt away. Perhaps it was simply that the occasion - which was extremely well attended - proved too much for Miss Wruble's nerve.

Stephen Pettitt

Tolstoy with a Czech accent

DANCE

SWRB/Prague Ballet Sadler's Wells

This programme at Sadler's Wells included, besides three works by the resident ballet company, an unprecedented guest appearance by three dancers and four musicians from Czechoslovakia, presenting a work from the repertoire of the Prague Chamber Ballet.

This is *Kreutzer Sonata*, performed to Janáček's first string quartet. It is played on a platform at the side of the stage by the Kocian Quartet, a widely travelled ensemble making its British debut. The sympathetic insight shown for a compatriot's music fully justifies the quartet's presence.

Janáček's inspiration was the passion and anguish of the characters in Tolstoy's novel *The Kreutzer Sonata*, and Pavel Smok's choreography presents the relationships among those characters in a semi-abstract form. There is a woman, seen first with an older man whose possessive love for her expressed itself in a bear-like roughness. The other man who appears as his rival seems similarly no great catch: burly and domineering. Vladimir Kolubek and Lad-



Anguish: Katerina Frankova with Vladimir Kolubek

islav Rajn, who play the men, both look older and rougher than is usual for ballet dancers, but they move with absolute authority through complex patterns which, expressive rather than virtuosic, are full of detail, never lack interest and rise to a considerable emotional and kinetic climax during which in turn the various characters leap at each other in desire or antagonism.

Katerina Frankova-Dedkova as the woman achieves the subtle effect of allowing us to draw conclusions about the character's superiority to either of her lovers while unambiguously showing her in the subservient attitude she adopts towards them both.

Smok seems, on the evidence of this keenly observed, highly organized work, to have used the time since we last saw his work in London, nearly 20 years ago, to sharpen his skills considerably.

The *Kreutzer Sonata* looks as good as it does partly because of the familiarity of its cast with his intentions, but his style is so different from anything in SWRB's repertoire, and so much more expressive than anything by our young choreographers, that it could well be worth commissioning a production from him.

The evening also saw the premiere of a new decor by Nadine Baylis (more than a little reminiscent of Ballet Rambert's repertoire 20 years ago) accompanied by dances by Graham Lustig. I put it that way because any ballet in which the most momentous events are four of the characters going off-stage and returning in different costumes has something wrong with it.

With the help of Baylis's vision of limbo and Alfred Shnitke's concerto for piano (Stephen Lade the able soloist) and string orchestra, Lustig builds *The Edge of Silence* to a certain atmosphere, but his symbolism of dead souls in the antechamber to oblivion or rebirth lacks cogency or detail except in the colour-coded costumes, and the movement only momentarily achieves the drama of his best earlier attempts.

Michael Corder's *Gladiator*, enjoying its first London performance, still seems, as at its Birmingham premiere, to attempt either too much or too little in its mixture of Britten's music, courtly dances of the period, the story of Elizabeth and Essex and the death's head symbolism of Philip Prowse's designs. Joseph Cipolla's piratical elegance as Essex gives the ballet a decided lift.

The best of the evening from the home team was David Bintley's *Allegri Diversi*, which perfectly matches the gaiety, freshness and invention of two short, youthful scores by Rossini.

John Percival

A species worth saving?

ROCK

Magma Bloomsbury Theatre

The World Wildlife Fund may be encouraged by the sighting of a species thought to be extinct. The French strain of the post-kippy experimentalist was a rare visitor to these shores even during the Seventies, when bands like Pierre Moerlen's Gong and Christian Vander's Magma were the avant-garde exponents of an eccentric variety of "progressive" jazz-rock. But now the personal interest (and money) of the snooker star

Steve Davis has coaxed Magma back to this country for a brief residency.

There was a late start due to "technical difficulties". Then, for 15 minutes, the audience contemplated a stage full of unmanned equipment while a primordial thunderstorm, punctuated by the ominous, erratic clanging of a church bell, raged over the PA.

The musicians appeared, 12 in all, and launched into a cacophonous, twiddly introduction that seemed endless. Indeed, much of the performance was marked by pieces that were little more than two-chord motifs stretched interminably behind shifting rhythmic patterns and overlaid with wailing vocal "solos"

by the shaggy Christian Vander and his former wife, Stella.

The presentation, however, was a bizarre anachronism. During a livelier, more complex piece called "Zeus", which was distinguished by a heroically inspired bass solo, a robed figure with a huge alien insect head appeared. Having delivered a discourse about the end of the world from an ash-decorated lectern, the creature, known apparently as Krenka Kórman, disappeared in a puff of smoke. Your reviewer left almost as quickly, reminiscing about a time when audiences were a deal more impressionable than they are today.

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BRIDGE

A fluke result?

Before the European Championships in Brighton, few believed that the British team would qualify for the Bermuda Bowl, let alone reach the final and make the Americans fight every inch of the way. Was it a fluke? That is a question most commentators are too polite to ask. As a member of the team, I feel I may offer my opinion.

In recent years Britain, bedeviled by selection problems, had fallen to middle-of-the-league status. As the composition of the team was constantly changing, this should surprise no-one. Britain might possess six world class players; it certainly doesn't possess 20, the number that have been deployed over the last seven years.

But that doesn't explain why nearly all the members of the present team have played for Great Britain on several occasions without achieving a comparable result.

It has been apparent for some years that Forrester is an exceptionally talented individual. In Raymond Brock he has found the perfect foil for his buccannery style. Before Brighton, Kirby and Armstrong's detractors argued that, despite their undoubted supremacy in domestic events, their bidding lacked the repose to succeed at European Championship level. It proved an exaggerated estimate, which nevertheless contained a germ of truth.

But Kirby and Armstrong are young, and to my mind their game has matured considerably. Today they seem at ease against strong opposition, while remaining totally destructive against the weaker teams.

Now that this quartet, virtually invincible in this country, has demonstrated that it can exert a similar dominance in international events, it is logical that the selectors should rely on the same team for the Olympiad in Venice.

Kirby's fine play earned a swing on this hand.

Bermuda Bowl.
Great Britain v Pakistan
East-West game.
Dealer South

♠ K 8 3
♥ K J 9 7 4 3
♦ J 5
♣ A 8 3

West led a heart to East's ♠K. Kirby ruffed the heart continuation and played a spade to dummy's ♠K, and then a spade to his ♠Q and West's ♠A.

West erred by cashing the ♠A, and compounded the error by continuing with a second club to the ♠A, ♠Q and ♠K. Kirby played some trumps, leading to this end position.

On the ♠7 West discarded his club. North shed a diamond, and East was obliged to part with the ♠K. But now the ♠10 crushed West. He had to keep the ♠9, so he was forced to let go a diamond. Kirby, who had a complete count of the hand, was able to cash two rounds of diamonds, confident that the Queen of diamonds would drop.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

The sensation of this year's Foreign and Colonial Tournament at Hastings was the brilliant performance by 23 year old Susan Arkell in the Challengers' group. Susan achieved a tremendous series of victories in the last few rounds of the event and finally took 3rd prize ahead of two British Grandmasters, Glenn Flear and Jim Plaskett. Even more meritorious was her achievement of the International Master norm, usually a male dominated preserve. In fact, Susan is the first British woman player to have notched up a man's IM result. She requires a similar success in the future, and the title will be hers.

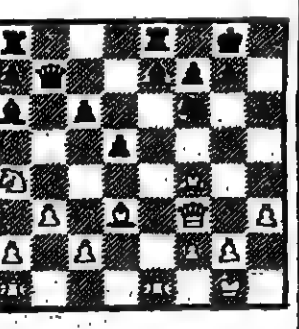
Susan is married to Keith Arkell, one of Britain's rising Masters. Both Susan and Keith are professionals, Susan being the only one amongst Britain's female players. Clearly her dedication is now paying off in terms of results at international level.

Susan's most important victory in the Foreign and Colonial Tournament was against grandmaster Glenn Flear.

White: Arkell, Black: Flear
Challengers' Round 9, Scotch Opening

This is an error which permits a neat combination that wins material.

16 Nxf4 Qx7



17 Bxf7

Flear must have overlooked this sacrifice. If in reply 17...Qx7, 18. Bxf7 wins.

17... Qx7 18 Bxf7

The point of White's combination. The Knight forks Black's Queen and Bishop.

18... Qxf7 19 Nxf7

With two pawns for a Rook, White should now win relatively easily.

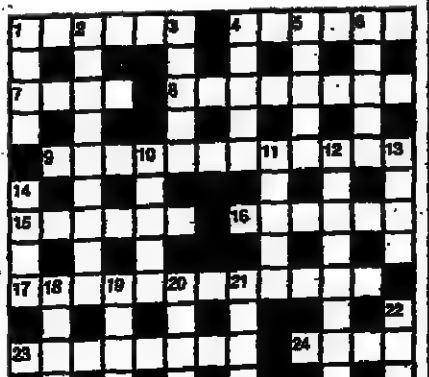
19... Nxf7 20 Nxf7

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1464

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- ACROSS
- Childbirth period (6)
 - Free from accusation (6)
 - Platform (4)
 - Convulsive (3)
 - Temporary river span (6,6)
 - Knee-like ridge (6)
 - Perseus (6)
 - The Fletcher (Old Testament book) (12)
 - S. Vietnamese guerrillas (8)
 - Decimate boring (4)
 - Perceive (6)
 - Calm, peaceful (6)



- DOWN
- Vein (4)
 - Bits and pieces (4-1)
 - Scallywag (5)
 - Improvised (2-3)
 - As if (5)
 - Cake coating (5)
 - Sudden thrust (5)
 - Horace's stanzas (5)
 - Very grave (9)
 - Always (4)
 - Half past (4)
 - Scold (5)
 - Axial shaper (5)
 - Thick, heavy (5)
 - Old Fortia country (5)
 - Sticky paste (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1463

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THE WEEK AHEAD



RADIO

DOUBLE CENTURY: Ronald Pickup plays the title role in a rare production of Lord Byron's dramatic poem, *Manfred*. This is the first time the work has been broadcast in Britain and it goes out on Friday, the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth, as the climax of a week of Byron celebrations on Radio 3. The study of a man in torment over a nameless crime, *Manfred* also stars Joss Ackland, Sara Kestelman and Robert Eddison. The overture and incidental music are by Robert Schumann. Radio 3, Friday, 7.30-9.10pm.



GALLERIES

SIGHTING LAND: Therese Oulton is only 34 but has already received extravagant critical praise for her painting. Her richly textured pictures are essentially abstract, though half-recognisable forms suggest magical, turbulent regions of caves, cascading waters, steep mountains and gloomy gorges, almost as if one was present at the creation of the world. Oulton's first London exhibition for three years will include large and small canvases and is on at Marlborough Fine Art, London W1 (01-629 5161). From Thursday.



CINEMA

VIETNAM REVISITED: Francis Coppola, director of *Apocalypse Now*, returns to the subject, but not location, of Vietnam in *Gardens of Stone* (15), a sombre, talkative adaptation of Nicholas Proffitt's novel. James Caan is a combat veteran training recruits for the Army's ceremonial unit. Stress is laid on the virtues of loyalty and brotherly love; Anjelica Huston, cast as a Washington Post reporter, provides the anti-war argument. Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (01-838 6279), from Friday.



BOOKS

PAST IMPERFECT: Elaine Feinstein's *Mother's Girl* is a powerful literary novel about the way that the past reaches out into the present. Two sisters, separated since childhood by Nazi atrocities in Eastern Europe, discover the truth about their background and themselves. What really happened to their mother when their father escaped to the USA? A novel of suspense but the chief suspense is about the eternal mysteries of the human heart. Published by Hutchinson on Thursday, £10.95.



JAZZ

RUNNING WATERS: Benny Waters celebrates his 86th birthday in the way he knows best — by embarking on an extensive tour. The American saxophonist and clarinetist began his career in the 1930s, including stints with King Oliver and Fletcher Henderson. After moving to Europe Waters became a familiar face on the British circuit, remaining a sprightly, effervescent entertainer, still capable of reeling off some brisk solos. Bull's Head, London SW13 (01-876 5241), Thursday; Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 6722), Friday and Saturday.



THEATRE

MILLER'S KORN: Jonathan Miller begins an ambitious but widely welcomed new season of seven plays as Artistic Director of the Old Vic, with a new production of Racine's classical tragedy *Andromache*, translated by Eric Korn. Janet Suzman has the title role, with John Barron, Peter Eyre, Kevin McNally, Ben Onwuke, Juanita Waterman and Penelope Wilton also featured. *Andromache* began previews yesterday and its first night is on Tuesday. The Old Vic, The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 7616).

THEATRE LONDON

RICHARD "POOR DEAR": Tara Arts Group present a farcical comedy drawing on Bhavai (Gujarati) folk theatre. Touring. Croydon Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon (01-680 4060). Opens Tues.

COMPANY: Stage adaptation from a Samuel Beckett story, performed by Julian Curry, directed by Tim Pigott-Smith. Donmar Warehouse (01-240 6230). Opens Tues.

ES CABARET REVUE: Nabil Shaban, Jag Pash, Newswave, John Hegley, Andrew Bailey, Otis Canneloni, in a benefit for the Spastics Society. Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-588 1178). Tomorrow, 8pm.

KESHO/TOKI NO GAKE: British premiere of two modern Japanese plays, by Haseki Inoue and Kobo Abe. In English, performed by Jackie Skarville, Richard Tyrrell and James Ramsey. Bloomsbury Theatre (01-387 9829). Opens Mon.

SING OUT SISTER: Hazel O'Connor and fellow company members from *Girlfriends*, in a new post-World War Two musical, using standards and her own songs. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354). Thurs-Jan 23 only.

OUT OF TOWN

GLASGOW: The Vortex: Philip Prowse designs and directs a Noel Coward play, with Maria Aitken, Rupert Everett, Fidelity Morgan and Anne Lambton. Citizens' (041 429 0022). Free preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

HULL: A Hard Day's Night: Hull Truck in new play by Frederick Harrison, directed by Robert Sian. Two Hull Beatles fans in 1963 and 1988, when they have become performers. To tour nationally. Spring Street Theatre (0482 28368). Previews on Tues. Opens Wed.

LEATHERHEAD: A Touch of Danger: New Francis Durbridge thriller, with William Franklyn, Virginia Stride, Carol Cleveland and Carmen Nesbit. To tour nationally. Thorncliffe (0372 577677). Opens Tues.

OLDHAM: Twelfth Night: With Simon Dornand, Carla Mendonca, Delta Goddard, and Melocine Hebdon. Coliseum (061 624 2829). Free public dress rehearsal Wed. Opens Thurs.

SCARBOROUGH: Mowgli & the Free People: Premiere of a jazz musical adapted from Kipling by Graeme Rigby, with music by John Mayer. Stephen Joseph Theatre (0723 370541). Tues-Jan 23 only.

CONCERTS

MESSE MUSIC: Mady Mesplé, the distinguished French soprano, sings Poulenc, Roussel, Liszt, Wolf, Oubert and Orff. Graham Johnson is at the piano. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

HICKOX/HARPER: The LSO is conducted by Richard Hickox in Mozart's *Mozart of Figaro* Overture, Richard Strauss's *Four Last Songs* (Heather Harper, soprano), and for Orff's *Carmina Burana* they are joined by the London Symphony Chorus. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE WINNER: Lorna Anderson, soprano, won first prizes at the 1984 Peter Pears and Royal Over-Seas League Competitions, and now she sings Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Tchaikovsky, Duparc, Poulenc to the accompaniment of Malcolm Martineau. Wigmore Hall, Mon, 7.30pm.

CONCERTO SERIES: In their Beethoven concerto series the London Soloists' Chamber Orchestra has Hugh Timney soloing in the Piano Concerto No 3 while David Josefowitz conducts the *Coriolanus* Overture and Symphony No 4. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Mon, 7.45pm.

RATTLESNAKE ANNIE: The pure-voiced country/folk singer from southern America. Fri, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490).

ST JOHN'S ORCHESTRA: The

Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square, is heard in Fauré's *Pavane* and Mendelssohn's *Symphony No 4 "Italian"*. In between, Rodolfo Bonucci solos in both Mendelssohn's violin Concerto and in a hitherto unknown concerto by Fauré. St John's, Wed, 7.30pm.

HICKOX/OUSSET: The City of London Sinfonia is conducted by Richard Hickox in Ravel's *Sinfonietta*, Bizet's *Symphony*, the *Pavane* of Fauré and Ravel, and Cecilia Ousset solos in Ravel's *Jazz* G major Piano Concerto. Queen Elizabeth Hall, Thurs, 7.45pm.

POMMIER/RPO: Jean-Bernard Pommier conducts the RPO in Berlioz's *Carnaval Romain* Overture, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 (soloist, Mark Kaplan) and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No 5*. Barbican Centre, Fri, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight the final performance of Ponnelle's highly acclaimed new production of *L'italiana in Algeri* with Agnes Baltsa in the title role. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: David Pountney's enchanting and provocative new production of *Hansel and Gretel* continues its run tonight, Tues and Fri 7.30pm. Mark Elder conducts (Peter Robinson tonight). *Rosentalkavaler* takes the stage on Wed and Sat, Jan 23 at 7pm with Valerie Masterson as the Marschallin. The final curtain comes down on Jonathan Miller's *Rigoletto* on Thurs (7.30pm). Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

LONDON SAVOYARDS: Tonight at 7.45pm a complete play of performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *Trial By Jury*, conducted by Richard Balcombe. Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

OPERA NORTH: The company's revival of *The Merry Widow* tonight and Mon through Fri at 7.15pm. Kathryn Harries, Paul Nilon and Peter Savidge lead the cast. Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351).

JAZZ

BENNY GOODMAN TRIBUTE: The Goodman sound is provided by the Henry Wood Orchestra and the Ray Wordsworth Big Band. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191). Tonight, 7.45pm, £3-27.

MAURICE HORNUT: Young pianist specializing in the boogie style of Fats Waller and Meade "Lux" Lewis. Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 (01-431 0144). Sun 7.30pm.

DAVE FRISHBERG: A witty pianist-cum-singer, the composer of "My Attorney Bernie". Pizz on the Park, London SW1 (01-235 5550). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

JEAN TOUSSAINT: The tenorist of the jazz Messengers finishing school. Band on the Wall, Manchester (061 632 6625). Thurs.

ROCK

DEPECHE MODE: Basilikon's premier synth-rockers. Tonight, Whitey Bay Ice Rink (091 252 8240); tomorrow, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590). Tues, G-Max Centre, Manchester (061 854 0123); Wed, Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295); Thurs, St Georges Hall, Bradford (0274 752000).

JONATHAN RICHMAN AND THE MODERN LOVERS: Still best remembered for the 1977 hit "Roadrunner" and "Egyptian Rhapsody". Tonight, Polytechnic of Central London, London W1 (01-638 8271); tomorrow, Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490); Mon, Riverside, Newcastle (091 261 4386).

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TV FILMS

THE MAGGIE (1983): Alexander Mackendrick's often savage Ealing comedy about an American tycoon (Paul Douglas) being humiliated by a canny Scots. BBC1, 2.15-3.50pm.

DEATH IN VENICE (1971): Dirk Bogarde as the composer obsessed with a beautiful boy as Venice succumbs to cholera; ravishing images and moody Mahler music. BBC2, Fri, 11.10pm-1.20am.



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THE YEAR OF DREAMS: A

look back at 1988, the year of worldwide radical protest, including interviews with Abbie Hoffman, Tariq Ali, and Richard Neville. Radio 4, Wed, 11-11.47am.

WHO OWNS BRITAIN? The splendidly idiosyncratic Ray Gosling launches a six-part inquiry by visiting pit villages in South Yorkshire. Radio 4, Thurs, 9.30-10pm.

TELEVISION

HARD CASES: Gritty new drama series by John Harvey stars John McEnery leading a team of inner city probation officers in the Midlands. ITV, Mon, 9-10pm.

DOWN WHERE THE BUFFALO GO: Harvey Keitel as an American serviceman with a crumbling marriage in Peter McGough's play set in the Scottish Highlands. BBC1, Tues, 9.30-11.05pm.

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LAST CHANCE

A CHRISTMAS STOCKING: Exhibition showing a child's view of Christmas, with displays of ancient and modern toys and presents. Ends today. Derby Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby (0332 31111 ext 405).

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WALKS

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THE BURIED CITY: meet today, Blackfriars tube, 11am, £3.

WESTMINSTER IN THE AGE OF CHIVALRY: meet tomorrow, Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet tomorrow, Green Park tube, 2pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking for new productions of *Fidelio* and *Tosca*; also *Carmen*, and revival of *Kolya Kabanova*. March 26-May 7. Grand Theatre, 48 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 485351).

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purchase

Kenyon Securities, the USM-quoted funeral director, is paying £11.5 million to Dottridge Brothers, a Hertfordshire firm which last year conducted 5,700 funerals.

The deal is financed by the issue of 4.21 million Kenyon shares, of which 1.41 million are being retained by the vendors. The rest are being placed at 270p, with Pommes Funèbres Générales, the French group which already has a 10 per cent stake, offering to take up any that are not wanted. *Tempos, page 25*

Kenneth Fleet, one of the most experienced commentators in financial journalism, begins a weekly column on page 25.

Wells Fargo's
Barclays buy

Wells Fargo and Co, the US bank, has agreed in principle to buy Barclays Bank of California for approximately \$125 million (£70.3 million).

Barclays Bank of California is a subsidiary of Barclays Bank of New York, which is owned by Barclays Bank of London.

Wigfalls loss

Interim pretax losses at Wigfalls, the Yorkshire and Midlands electronic retailer, increased from £697,000 to £837,000 on turnover up 5 per cent to £28 million. Retail turnover, excluding the rental business now sold, was up 25 per cent. There was no interim dividend. *Tempos, page 25*

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1972.48 (+68.37)
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Tokyo	1436.7 (+38.0)
Nikkei Average	1436.7 (+38.0)
Hong Kong	2429.77 (+18.28)
Hang Seng	2429.77 (+18.28)
Amsterdam	127.5 (+18.3)
Sydney	127.5 (+18.3)
Frankfurt	1228.8 (-30.7)
Brussels	3702.9 (+18.2)
Geneva	3702.9 (+18.2)
Paris CAC	270.8 (-0.5)
Zurich S&K	n/a
London	
FT 30 Share	1436.7 (+38.0)
FT 100	1786.7 (+43.2)
FT Gold Mines	254.5 (+10.4)
Fixed Interest	84.5 (+0.1)
FT Govt Stocks	87.96 (+0.40)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

ALCOY	342 1/2 (+1 1/2)
Alloy Steel	461 1/2 (+2 1/2)
Jaguar	342 1/2 (+1 1/2)
Alloy Life	342 1/2 (+1 1/2)
J Jarvis	750 (+50)
Roberts	537 1/2 (+38 1/2)
BOC	416 (+20)
Bechtel	488 1/2 (+20)
Body Shop	840 (+35)
Coca-Cola	371 1/2 (+17 1/2)
Tunstall	407 1/2 (+25)
Unilever	503 1/2 (+21 1/2)
Reed Int	421 1/2 (+10)
Coca-Cola	371 1/2 (+17 1/2)
Ladbrokes	361 1/2 (+12 1/2)
Lloyds	283 1/2 (+18)

FALLS

Wills Faber 221 1/2 (-18)

Handerson Admin 7250 (-25)

Perry Group 192 1/2 (-12)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Basic 8 1/2%

3-month interbank 9 1/2-9 3/4%

3-month eligible bills 8 1/2-8 3/4%

buying rate

US Prime Rate 8 1/2%

Federal Funds 6 1/4%

3-month Treasury bills 5 1/2-5 3/4%

30-year bonds 10 1/2-10 3/4%

CURRENCIES

London New York

£: \$1.7790

£: DM1.5770

£: Sfr2.4359

£: FF16.5772

£: Yen231.38

£: Yen130.45

£: Index95.1

ECU £0.983635 SDH £0.758451

GOLD

London Fixing

AM \$484.80 pm \$480.30

close \$481.50-482.00 (\$271.75-272.25)

New York

Comex \$481.70-482.20

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm \$16.75hd (\$16.55)

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US trade gap
cut to \$13.2bnSurprise fall prompts
strong market rally

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US trade deficit, now the most closely watched economic indicator, dropped by a surprising 25 per cent in November to \$13.2 billion (£7.4 billion), sparking an exuberant rally on international financial markets yesterday. Both the dollar and share prices soared on the positive news.

Officials attributed the improved data - which followed a record monthly deficit of \$17.63 billion in October - to a record surge in US exports, which are responding strongly to the lower dollar. Exports in November increased by 9.4 per cent to a record \$23.8 billion.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, said the data suggested the US was in the midst of an extraordinary "export boom", which should lead to further substantial declines in the deficit this year. He said exports had increased by 17 per cent in real terms since the third quarter of 1980.

But economists were quick to point out that despite the market's euphoria, the data for the latest two months revealed an average deficit of about \$15.5 billion, which would result in another record deficit for 1981 of close to \$17.5 billion.

Since the stock market crash in October, however, markets have been awaiting positive news on the trade deficit, which was cited as one of the underlying causes of the collapse.

The trade figures are thoroughly dissected each month from Wall Street to Tokyo, resulting in a frenzy of buying and selling on currency and

share markets. The August deficit of \$14.7 billion - announced on October 14 - was responsible for a 95-point drop on Wall Street, which set the stage for the record 508-point plunge on Black Monday. Similarly, the record October deficit, announced last month, caused the dollar to plunge to its lowest level in 40 years.

Analysts had been anticipating a deficit in November in the range of \$14.5 billion to \$15.5 billion and had predicted that anything more than \$14 billion would be bad news for the dollar, resulting in another severe test.

But the positive figures resulted instead in a flood of buy orders, which propelled the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 50 points to 1,968 in afternoon trading. The data also revealed a significant decrease in the US

Dollar respite
'temporary'

The US trade data for November will provide only a temporary respite for the dollar, said Mr Rudiger Doranbush, the professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

"The dollar will go up. There will be much optimism and much applause, then a 20 to 30 per cent depreciation over the next two years," he said at a meeting organised by the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London.

He said a rate of 100 yen to the dollar might be necessary by the end of 1982 to restore US trade to balance by 1990.

appetite for imports, which declined by 6 per cent to \$37.02 billion.

The November data supported the assertions of Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Japanese Prime Minister, that his nation's surplus was declining and would continue to do so. The US deficit with Japan narrowed sharply to \$4.6 billion from \$5.6 billion in October.

Officials announced the trade figures, which are inconclusive and often revised, after the release of other positive news on inflation and US retail sales.

Inflation, as measured by the producer price index, dropped by 0.1 per cent in December after remaining unchanged in November. Retail sales increased by 0.7 per cent in December, reflecting a slight slowdown in consumer spending which was less than predicted. In addition, US industrial production rose 0.2 per cent in December to 5.2 per cent, the best annual performance at US mines, factories and utilities since 1984.

The Reagan Administration cited the trade figures as good reason to avoid protectionist legislation which has been proposed in Congress. Mr Yeutter said: "With US exports rising, and American manufacturing poised to take advantage of the lower dollar, a protectionist response at this time would be a tragic mistake."

Mr William Verity, the Commerce Secretary, said the data suggested US companies were finally beginning to regain the "home market" from foreign competition.

Inflation rate of 3.7%
is lowest for 12 months

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent

The rate of inflation fell to 3.7 per cent last month, its lowest for a year, as the reduction in mortgage rates by banks and building societies took effect.

The rate for the year to December compared with 4.1 per cent in November and 4.3 per cent in October, and was in line with the Treasury's forecast of a 4 per cent average rate for the fourth quarter.

But the fall in inflation also added to ministerial concern about the level of pay increases in the economy. There are now real worries that excessive rises in earnings are jeopardising Britain's competitiveness.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that after taking into account tax cuts, employees needed a rise in gross earnings of less than 2 per cent last year to maintain their standard of living. Figures released on Thursday showed average earnings rising at 8.25 per cent.

"This low level of inflation should influence wage negotiators in the coming months," Mr Fowler said. "We cannot relax our efforts to control inflation and to keep prices down. This is vital to the continued success of our economic strategy, to our

RETAIL PRICE INDEX

	Index	% change 1 month	% change 12 months
July	101.8	-0.1	4.4
August	102.1	0.3	4.4
Sept	102.4	0.3	4.2
Oct	102.9	0.5	4.5
Nov	103.4	0.5	4.1
Dec	103.3	-0.1	3.7

(Index Jan 87 = 100)

Source: Department of Employment

living standards, and to further job increases."

The index of retail prices fell 0.1 per cent to 103.3 (January 1987=100) last month, from 103.4 in November.

The 1 percentage point cut in mortgage rates, which came through for 90 per cent of borrowers in December, reduced the index by approximately 0.4 per cent.

There were price reductions for petrol, motor vehicles and alcoholic drinks. Mr Gwynn Hachee, an economist with James Capel, the broker, said: "It was very encouraging. Underlying inflation in the economy is very subdued."

There were price increases last month for fresh food, clothing and restaurant meals, among other items, but these were insufficient to prevent an overall fall in the index. The tax-and-price index, which adjusts the retail price index for changes in income tax and

national insurance, rose 1.9 per cent in the 12 months to December, compared with 2.4 per cent in November.

Although the inflation news last month was good - and because of a Department of Employment computer error the true rate may have been 0.1 points lower than published - it confirmed a picture of strong growth in real incomes.

The fear is that consumer spending will continue at too rapid a rate when set against industry's ability to supply goods, and the balance of payments could deteriorate alarmingly.

Britain's inflation rate of 3.7 per cent last month was below the latest average of 3.9 per cent for the Western industrialized countries, but above the European Economic Community average of 3.3 per cent. France and West Germany both have lower inflation than Britain.



Charting progress: Sir John Read, chairman, illustrating the group's performance yesterday (Photograph by Nick Rogers)

TSB profits advance to £275m

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The TSB Group yesterday announced pretax profits up to £275.5 million from £205.6 million for the 49 weeks to October 31, despite a continuing sluggish performance by its banking operations.

The accounting period has been changed to end on October 31, but adjusting the

figures to an annualized basis, profits increased 40 per cent to £288.6 million. It is the first full year of results since the group was floated on the stock market.

But despite a strong increase in customer lending and a 52 per cent rise in mortgage lending, bank profits rose by only 18 per cent, to £185 million, including commissions earned on selling financial

services through branches.

Sir John Read, chairman, said other areas of the TSB had performed particularly strongly. Finance house services, for example, lifted profits 100 per cent to £20 million. The TSB was now the most diversified financial services group in the country, he said.

Following several acquisitions, including Target, the fund management group, and

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, there were unlikely to be any further purchases in the near future. Sir John said that the group was concentrating on integrating the new acquisitions and expanding its existing operations internally.

The group is paying its 1.9 million shareholders a dividend for the year of 3.53p.

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THF plans
£150m
expansionBy Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Trusthouse Forte, Britain's biggest hotel and catering group, is to spend a record £150 million this year on building developments which will include three new hotels and 17 roadside lodges aimed at a budget priced market.

The new hotels will be at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, Calderdale, West Yorkshire, and Exeter, Devon, while extensive upgrading of other hotels will include installation of 15 health and fitness clubs.

There is an additional key development in Bath where work has already started to turn the Spa Hotel into a five-star establishment and the number of bedrooms is being substantially increased.

The new Aylesbury and Exeter hotels will be in the four-star category. Work at Calderdale starts next month.

The boost to the Little Chef Lodges chain, which is linked with the restaurants, will bring the number of lodges to 40 by the year end. Accommodation costs less than £20 a night and Trusthouse Forte says it is proving a successful concept, appealing both to family travellers and businessmen.

Two new motorway service areas are also being built. The 85-strong chain of Harvester steak bars is being increased by 15 and a number of new retailing outlets at airports are expected to be added.

The group is planning to go ahead with a "considerable" amount of work extending and upgrading existing hotels and restaurants. Several in-flight catering kitchens are also to be extended.

Question mark over Burton
payments to third parties

By Lawrence Lever

Department of Trade officials are believed to be looking at fees paid by Burton to third parties around the time of the takeover battle for Debenhams between May and August 1985.

Questions have been raised over consultancy fees which may have been paid to third parties who purchased Debenhams shares and assisted them to the Burton bid.

The officials are examining Burton documents covering the company's acquisitions and disposals over the past three years.

Burton and its advisers between them purchased 15 per cent of Debenhams shares during the takeover battle for the department store group.

However, under the Takeover Code the Burton camp could not exceed 15 per cent without increasing its cash offer for Debenhams of 327p a share.

Burton refused to confirm or deny the question of payments to third parties. A spokesman said: "Burton has said all it can at this stage. We fully accept the confidential nature of the Department of Trade's request for information."

Department of Trade officials are investigating Burton under section 447 of the Companies Act.

A DTI booklet describes company investigations under section 447 in the following way:

"It must appear to the Secretary of State that there is 'good reason' before officers are appointed under Section 447 so action cannot be taken in an arbitrary fashion. There is no statutory definition of 'good reason', but in practice it is taken to include grounds for suspicion of fraud, misfeasance, misconduct, conduct unfairly prejudicial to shareholders or of failure to provide shareholders with information they may reasonably expect. Enquiries are usually completed within a few weeks."

Burton has conducted its own internal investigation in conjunction with its advisers. The investigation gave the company a clean bill of health.

Martell family 'still backing rival Seagram offer'

GrandMet says £457m bid 'final'

By Joe Joseph

Grand Metropolitan, the British hotels and drinks group, has raised its offer from £391 million to £457 million in a final bid to wrest Martell from Seagram, the Canadian spirits group which appears to have all but secured victory in the month-long tussle for the famous French cognac house.

But sources close to the deal indicated last night that the Martell family, which has already pledged its crucial 41 per cent shareholding to Seagram, had discounted such a move and would not be swayed by GrandMet's offer of an extra 10 per cent over the Seagram bid.

Since Seagram owns 14.17 per cent of Martell's shares, the allegiance of the family stake assures the Montreal-based company of control.

Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's chairman, said he had spoken to M René Firino Martell yesterday afternoon before announcing the new £43,300-a-share bid and that the Martell president had been courteous - neither encouraging nor discouraging. Mr Sheppard remains confident that GrandMet still has a fighting chance.

He said last night: "Of the offers that were on the table, we would have expected Martell to accept the Seagram one because it was higher. But now that has



Allen Sheppard: increased bid

changed and Martell must decide what it wants to do. Rather than go through a series of offers, we decided it best to go straight to our final one."

It is understood that the Martell family is not free to make a statement under the terms of the rival tender offers from Seagram and GrandMet without clearing it first with France's stock exchange regulatory commission. When it receives such a clearance - probably on Monday - authoritative sources say France's second biggest cognac house will re-

affirm its commitment to a future with Seagram.

Martell says it prefers Seagram because, like Martell, it is family-run and because its products - which include Mumm champagne and Glenlivet malt whisky - are the most complementary. M Firino Martell said this week that he had also chosen Seagram because while "its top products may be fewer in number (than GrandMet's), they are more selective in quality."

Martell said in a detailed statement last Monday, shortly after Seagram had raised its takeover offer to £412 million, that the Martell family welcomed the bid as in the "best interest of Martell, its shareholders, its employees, its suppliers and the cognac community."

When asked by a local newspaper mid-week what would happen if GrandMet were to cap Seagram's revised offer, M Firino Martell replied bluntly: "Basically, if the British read our statement carefully, they would be wrong not to believe in the determination of our family."

GrandMet, which has an important distribution agreement with Martell, backed up by a 19.9 per cent stake in the company, is eager for victory. But Mr Sheppard explains: "We are not desperate for it at any price."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cocoa price rise nears suspension limit

Cocoa futures momentarily reached the maximum advance limit of £40 on the London market yesterday afternoon, but were unable to sustain this gain for the 30-second period that would have triggered a suspension of trading. The price surge came in response to the sharp drop in sterling against the dollar after the better-than-expected US trade figures and an anticipated breakthrough by the International Cocoa Organization on a package leading to the resumption of market support measures.

Near-March delivery climbed towards the maximum permitted level of £1,158 a tonne in the early afternoon from £1,128 at midday, compared with the Thursday close of £1,118.

London Int acquisition

London International is strengthening its schools photography activities of its ColourCare offshoot with the \$660,000 acquisition of Rotary Photographic, the Devon photographer. The deal is being financed by the issue of 238,000 London International shares, of which 101,000 will be subject to a tender placing.

Quest buys IBM dealer

Quest Group is buying Crist Business Services, the IBM dealer, in a deal worth £1.47 million. The acquisition will be financed by the issue of 1.35 million Quest shares. Mr Colin Coxon, Quest's managing director, will join the Quest board. Crist expects to have made profits of £250,000 on sales of more than £6 million in 1987.

Pernod 'expansion'

Pernod-Ricard, the drinks group, is negotiating to buy a family-owned foreign firm, also in the drinks sector, despite the possible sale of its lucrative French Coca-Cola concession, Mr Patrick Ricard, the chairman, said in Paris. Pernod said earlier this month that it was holding talks with Coca-Cola over the future of the concession. But Pernod-Ricard's acquisition plans did not depend on funds from the sale of its Coca-Cola activities, Mr Ricard said.

The purchase should go ahead this year, but Mr Ricard gave no further details. Some analysts say Coca-Cola has been pushing Pernod-Ricard to put more effort into increasing sales of its soft drinks in the French market, in spite of a doubling of Coke's sales over the last five years.

Ranks Hovis offer

Ranks Hovis McDougall wants to tidy up the balance sheet at Robertson Foods, part of the Avana Group acquired last summer. Through Avana it is offering 120.5p in cash for each of Robertson's 629,000 preference shares, and is proposing the repayment of the £1.5 million of loan stock, at £107 per cent.

Plessey deal cleared

Plessey's acquisition of Ferranti's semiconductor business is not to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Plessey made an agreed £30 million bid for the microchip production unit of Ferranti Electronics last November and has since had talks with GEC about the possible merger of their semiconductor businesses.

British Gas payment

British Gas said it will pay £250 million to the Treasury in April as the second tranche of an unsecured £2.5 billion debenture made to the Treasury at the time of British Gas's privatization in 1986.

The debenture is scheduled to be repaid in six successive tranches between March 20 and April 20 every year from 1987 to 1992. The first repayment was for £750 million. The British Gas prospectus showed the rate of interest on the debt ranging from 10 1/4 per cent to 11 1/4 per cent. The company did not say how much interest would be payable in April.

STOCK MARKET

Dealers look to the 1,800 level as optimism returns

By Michael Clark

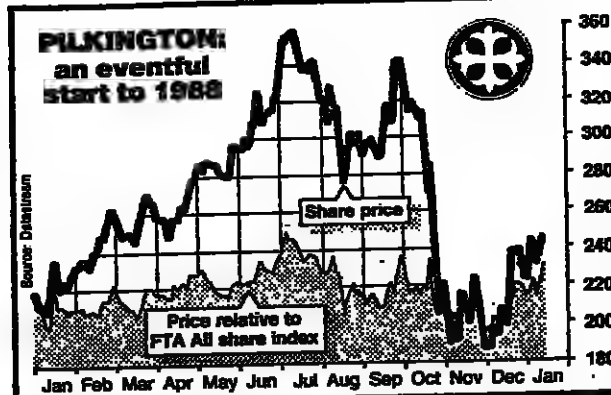
"Next stop 1,800" - that was the message from dealers on the London stock market last night following the better-than-expected US November trade figures.

These showed the deficit falling from the record October level of \$17.3 billion to \$13.22 billion. Some forecasts had been pitching the figure as high as \$22 billion. Financial markets around the world breathed a sigh of relief and even the dollar responded with a rise of almost 4 cents to close at \$1.7780 in London.

Investors in London and New York greeted the news by chasing share prices sharply higher.

More than £8 billion was added to the value of companies quoted on the London market as the FT-SE 100 index staged a 60-point turnaround, helped by a firm start to trading in New York where the Dow Jones industrial average opened 55 points higher. The "Footsie" was 50.2 up at one stage, after wiping out an earlier fall of 9.8. It eventually closed 43.3 higher at 1,786.7 - a rise on the week of 26.5. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 38.0 points higher at 1,436.7 after starting the day 5.4 down.

Brokers said that turnover failed to match the sharp rise in leading shares, but they were all pleased with the day's events. Next week's Japanese



trade figures are now unlikely to give cause for concern and, unless there are any nasty shocks, dealers expect the equity market to go above the 1,800 level.

The latest inflation figures were also better than expected and left government securities with gains stretching to more than 1% at the longer end. But trading remained thin with the market still suffering from the poor response to this week's Treasury auction.

Dollar-related shares led the way higher. ICI jumped by 42p to £11.58, BOC Group 20p to 416p, BAT Industries, which bid £2.3 billion earlier this week for Farmers, the US glass manufacturer, enjoyed a firm start but showed signs of running out of steam before the announcement of the US trade figures. The price later encountered renewed support, finishing at its best levels of the day, with a rise of 8p to 247p as more than 10 million shares were traded.

This latest flurry of activity

US bank to cut 2,500 more jobs

New York (Reuters) - Manufacturers Hanover Corporation, the sixth-largest bank in the United States, has said it will cut its US staff by 2,500 and close some of its offices as part of a \$117 million (£64.4 million) restructuring move.

As a result, the firm reported fourth-quarter earnings of only 18 cents per common share, compared with \$1.57 per share in the fourth quarter of 1986, and net income of \$22.7 million (\$75.4 million).

Earlier this week, Mr John McGillicuddy, the chairman of Manufacturers Hanover, said the company would soon

begin staff cuts to reduce its 30,134 payroll by 9 per cent.

The firm said the majority of the staff reductions will come from a pairing of headquarters staff, and a selective net contraction in its various business units to increase productivity and improve profitability. With the latest restructuring, Manufacturers Hanover's staff will have been reduced by about 5,400, or 17 per cent, since the beginning of 1986, the firm said.

"The restructuring is part of our strategy to enhance shareholder value," Mr McGillicuddy said. "This

restructuring will result in stronger core earnings in 1988, and beyond." The firm said the restructuring charge will result in an earnings benefit of about \$95 million a year.

Mr McGillicuddy added that an asset review, which is already underway, includes the possible sale of the company's Park Avenue, New York, corporate headquarters, but that this may not happen because of tax disadvantages. He said asset sales would probably be in non-core businesses. No mention was made of the company's foreign offices.

followed the news that the group has managed to push through a number of price increases of up to 8 per cent for its float-glass products in Europe.

The shares have enjoyed a strong speculative run since the beginning of December in the knowledge that BTR is free to launch another bid for the company next Wednesday. Its last attempt ended in failure at this time last year. In the past week alone, the price has been driven higher by whispers that someone else was about to pre-empt BTR and launch a dawn raid.

Hanson is a name that naturally springs to mind. Next week, Lord Hanson plays host to at least 70 leading American investment analysts in London.

Hanson finished 6p better at 141p. Among the motor traders, Ley Service Group, the Volvo and Rover main dealer, stood out with a rise of 10p to 328p. It appears that Phillips & Drew, the broker, and a rival, Scrimgeour Vickers Citicorp, have added it to their buy lists.

T Cowie also put in a strong run, climbing by 4p to 114p, following some hefty turnover amid talk in the marketplace that the hunter may soon become the hunted. Mr Tom Cowie, the founder and chairman, has built up a formidable reputation as a bidder, but there is growing talk that he may soon find himself on the receiving end of a bid.

WALL STREET

Dow soars 55 points in first half-hour

(AP-Dow Jones) - Share prices eased slightly in active, early trading yesterday following an opening surge resulting from the November trade deficit that turned out to be smaller than expected.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by nearly 55 points in the first half-hour of trading then slipped back to a rise of 49 points at 1,965.11. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index added more than 6 points and the New York Stock Exchange composite index gained more than 3 points.

Advancing issues out-

numbered declining ones by

more than 10 to one. In the market's opening rally, stocks followed the lead of other financial markets, which moved sharply higher after the US government reported that the trade deficit narrowed to \$13.22 billion in November from the record \$17.63 billion October gap.

Mr Dudley Eppel, a senior vice president and manager of equity trading at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, said that the market had been quite orderly and "much quieter than you would think from this type of opening."

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Year	Country	Population	Birth rate	Death rate	Infant mortality	Life expectancy
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1950	Denmark	2,500,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	France	40,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
1950	Germany	50,000,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	Italy	45,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
1950	Japan	80,000,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	Sweden	2,500,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	Switzerland	2,500,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	United Kingdom	50,000,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	United States	150,000,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	USSR	150,000,000	18.0	8.0	15.0	72.0
1950	China	500,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
1950	India	350,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
1950	Pakistan	50,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
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1950	Thailand	50,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
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1950	Brunei	50,000,000	20.0	10.0	20.0	70.0
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820 300 Unipol
154 54 Vinyl Floor

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176 Acknowled

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172	478	Admission	Admission
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127	34	Concrete Energy
353	182	Enterprise (a)

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PAPER, PRINT, ADVERT

267	45 Nelson Mead	230	257	5.2	2.3	152
269	69 Nelson Evans	93	36	3.8	3.8	75.5
269	103 Agco Power	265	270	11.0	4.1	11.9
284	108	198	198	4.5	3.9	11.9
286	100 Banker (Charles)	212	217	1.1	1.3	2.0
283	181 Benzene	219	212	+4	13.0	6.2
364	180 Benzene Maccum	263	270	+5	8.6	12
276	180 Benzene	263	270	+5	8.6	12
276	137 Burtel Inc.	165	168	+6	6.7	16.0
276	470 Canon Comm	165	167	+7	7.3	11
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470	220 Chasman	270	260	-10	13.0	4.8
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460	175 Cuccia (James)	280	280	-	2.4	1.3

PROPERTY

126	70	Atlanta Lee	95	100	+2	29	30	115
127	70	Atlanta Sides	95	100	0	29	30	115
128	70	Atlanta Sides	95	100	0	29	30	115
129	163	Atlanta Harris	140	122	-18	06	08	133
130	60	Berkley & Hay	97	97	0			
131	70	Berkley	97	97	0			
132	416	Berkley	275	275	0			
133	172	B. L. Linc	117	117	0	187	54	266
134	172	B. L. Linc	117	117	0	188	27	215
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SHIPPING

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SHOES, LEATHER

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410	20	Flaming Hlowern	20	270	.	10.3	10.9
411	170	Papier Sams	20	270	.	7.9	7.7
352	143	Strong & Fisher	212	217	.	14.4	14.9
371	195	Shyle	240	250	+5	6.9	2.8

TEXTILES

418	290	Almad Text	322	332	+5	11.5	20.4
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Bolton	33	38	-1
St. Ignace	203	208	+3
Coran	80	85	+7

534	300	Chenaults (M)	243	+4	135	39	90
570	712	Clements	106	118	41	38	72
238	68	Crother (L)	111	120	+5	51	42
362	175	Decker	102	+9	102	45	108
221	63	Drummond	913	+12	37	32	91
166	69	Foster (John)	125	130	+5	43	114
575	713	George Bradstone	180	190	-2	8.5	4.6
99	37	Huang Peicheng	52	57	+5		
223	32	Harwood	120	130	-2	58	48
340	117	John (G)	108	208	-6	6.9	34
416	201	Lemon	248	256	+3	3.2	3.3
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179	87	Smith	116	119	+	7.7	6.0	76.9
205	70	Smithco (F)	90	100	+	7.8	4.0	8.7
130	32	Standard	64	69	+	7.5	3.7	8.0
253	69	Thornberry	68	80	..	7.5	3.7	8.0
193	44	Transpacific	66	70	..	7.5	2.3	10.5
164	87	Trotter	116	118	+2	6.0	5.1	14.7
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FAMILY MONEY

New Year lessons for new students

The student year may not begin until October but the rush for grants starts now. CHARLES JACKSON looks at how much is on offer and at the different types of grants for which students can apply

A New Year marks the time when local education authorities are swamped with grant applications from young people wishing to go to college or university in the autumn — and the sooner applications are submitted, the more chance there is of any certainty of obtaining a grant.

Student grants come in two forms, mandatory or discretionary.

Mandatory awards are given under statutory regulations so that, provided certain conditions are satisfied, awards will be automatic.

Courses covered by mandatory awards include teacher training, first degree courses or their equivalent, Higher National Diplomas in Higher Education, and the Higher National Diplomas of the Technician Education Council or the Business Education Council.

Students who want to go on other courses have to apply for a discretionary award — the value of these awards can vary from about the same as mandatory awards down to almost nothing.

Although it is possible to get a grant at any time up until September — and in some cases beyond that — the National Union of Students strongly recommends that applications are made early in the first quarter of the year in which the student intends to start his or her course.

This is especially important for students applying for discretionary awards where the outcome is less certain. So far, only the basic award increases have been released for the year 1988-89. However, where the table shows a question mark expect an increase of about 4 per cent.

Intending students must not have done anything naughty — black marks for conduct will mean no grant. Their parents must also agree to repay any accidental overpayment.

Those who have not been "ordinarily resident" in the UK for three years immediately before the course starts or who have previously attended a full-time course lasting two years or more will not usually get a grant, but up to one term on a course can be ignored.

If students are deemed "dependent" on their parents, they will be expected to make a contribution to the grant on a means-tested basis.

To be classified as "independent" — that is, free of any assessment for parental contribution — the student must be 25 or over or have

worked or been unemployed, whether registered or not, for at least three years. "Mature" students are those aged 26 or more and with earnings of at least £12,000 gross during the previous three years.

An addition is available to some disabled students and this applies, whether their grant is mandatory or discretionary.

At the moment they are entitled to up to a maximum of £700 a year towards any extra expenditure caused by their disability as a result of attending the course.

Any money students earn

during term time will be taken into account when assessing grants. This applies whether or not the student is classed as independent.

However, as grants do not usually include a maintenance element for all vacations, summer holiday earnings will normally be ignored.

For further information contact: National Union of Students, 461 Holloway Road, London N7 6LJ; Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH; National Bureau for Handicapped Students, 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ.



Wrapped up for winter

Snow finally started falling in the Alps last week, which did not just delight people fearing that their winter holidays would be all April and no ski, but came as a relief to the winter sports insurers too.

Claims always go up when snow levels are low, skiers are more likely to hit rocks and ice on the ski runs that are open, and at least some will go off piste, where they are far more likely to meet hazards than on the standard slopes. What is more, when accidents happen they will often be more serious than usual.

Whatever the weather conditions, skiing insurance is vital. Half a million British holidaymakers soar down the slopes every year, and on past form almost one in 20 will end up by claiming on the medical expenses cover their insurance policies provide. Figures this season may be higher still.

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Crunch time: A skier is injured in an accident on the slopes. A holidaymaker can reduce the pain with the right insurance

the proportion of the holiday that you have not been able to enjoy. But the cover does not apply if you can still hobble round the slopes enjoying yourselves.

Specialists will settle various other expenses, too, which may or may not appear in the general packages. Douglas Cox Tyrie, for instance, will pay up to £250 for the loss or theft of your ski, or those you have hired.

The group's policies will also cover for the cost of ski passes under the skipack section. Most resorts issue "passes" allowing you to use the ski lifts for the full week or fortnight you are there, and they can cost up to £200. If you cannot ski because of an accident in the first few days, the policy will pay for the ski pass that you have not been able to use. But it does not apply if bad weather ensures that the ski-lift is out of use or out of order.

Finally, the specialist contracts also repay the cost of staying in a village for the night if the road to or from your resort has been blocked by an avalanche.

Companies offering package tours also provide their own insurance plans, and you will be covered automatically unless you opt out. Indeed, some insist you take their cover, which possibly makes sense

anyway. According to most brokers, the insurance they provide is very good.

No company will provide general cancellation on the grounds that there is very little snow. But four operators, including Horizon and Thomson, will provide snow guarantees once you are at your resort. If no slopes are open in your resort, the companies will pay for transport to local resorts where you can ski. If no slopes at all are open in the area, they will provide you with £25 for every day that you cannot make your way anywhere.

The policies have been extremely useful this year, but faced with heavy claims companies may not be so generous in future.

Skiing inevitably produces the very occasional tragic accident. Mike Nemesvary, Britain's freestyle champion in 1982 and 1983, has been paralysed from the neck down since a skiing accident three years ago.

The standard packages does not pay out lump sums except for the loss of eyes or limbs, but disaster cover is available. Douglas Cox Tyrie has a policy costing £16, which will provide a lump sum of £30,000 and £100 a week for total or partial disablement, for as long as you cannot work. Nemesvary has been promoting the scheme for the company.

It is useful insurance for anyone, but it is particularly useful if you are self-employed.

Some people do not go off on fixed tours, but ski when they can — usually in Scotland. The Carte Ecosse

scheme, produced by the Glasgow insurance brokers, gives you a package of benefits excluding health cover for up to 25 days — assuming that you will use the NHS — and some other insurers do the same.

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In defence of an old age income

A strong lobby is forming up to champion the cause of elderly home-owners who mortgage their homes to boost their income. An early-day Committee motion signed by 67 MPs has been put down calling upon the Chancellor to ease the restrictions on home equity loans.

At the moment, elderly home-owners get no tax relief on the interest on the loan if the interest is rolled up, so the sum borrowed plus the interest is repaid after the home-owner's death out of the proceeds of the property sale. But home-owners do get tax relief if the interest is repaid normally during their lifetime.

Elderly people use the tax relief to boost their income. But their income could be doubled if the interest was rolled up and the tax relief still paid over during their lifetime. The income depends on the home-owner's age as the sum borrowed is used to buy an annuity, which pays a regular income — actuaries calculate that the older the person, the shorter period the money will have to be paid, so the sums are higher.

Home income plans are just not viable for those under 70 as their life expectancy is so long that the income is too low. A woman of 75 taking out a £30,000 loan can expect an income of £1,494 a year with an element of capital repayment if she dies within five years, or £1,645 with no compensation if she dies soon after taking out the mortgage.

Rolling up the interest payments and retaining the tax relief would give her an income of £3,301 or £3,451 without protection.

Companies such as Allied Dunbar that produce the plans will normally lend up to 80 per

cent of the value of a property up to the £30,000 limit for tax relief. Thus properties worth more than £37,500 do not yield any extra income over less valuable properties. Interest at 8.25 per cent on a £30,000 loan would result in interest of £1,800 rolling up in a year. Thus the interest could amount up to substantial sums over 10 or 20 years.

So, if the Government allows lifetime tax relief on rolled-up interest, home-owners will be able to borrow only much smaller percentages of the value of the homes. Someone with a property worth £40,000 would have no problem borrowing £30,000 now, but if interest were to be rolled up he or she could expect to raise a maximum loan of £20,000, but this should bring a higher return.

The change would be valuable for married couples. A couple both aged 75 would get £1,061 a year under current rules, but £2,867 with interest rolled up.

John Butterfield, MP for Bournemouth West, has calculated that the Treasury would benefit from the proposed change because the tax on the annuities would outweigh the tax relief foregone.

About 20,000 elderly home-owners have a home income plan out of around a million who could benefit from the scheme.

Age Concern and Help the Aged are backing the move to help more elderly people stay in their own homes and cope with repairs and other expenses. The "home rich, cash poor" elderly increasingly find their children who stand to inherit their homes are the ones trying them to take up the scheme.

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All alone and fighting back

The habitat of the solo solicitor is becoming increasingly unfriendly but as Frances Gibb explains, this endangered species is turning on its hunters



There is an endangered species in the solicitors' profession: the solo practitioner. There are some 3,000 to 3,500 solo practitioners, or one-man firms, in England and Wales. Although they account for fewer than 10 per cent of all practising solicitors, they make up roughly one-third of all firms, and are probably the breed of solicitor most commonly met by the public. In the last decade they have grown in number by 51 per cent.

But in recent months solo practitioners have come under attack. The Law Society plans tighter controls on how they operate, and in response, solo practitioners are mobilising to defend themselves, to a large extent through the British Legal Association, a small but rapidly growing body of solicitors' firms.

It started with the Law Observer, the public watchdog on how the Law Society deals with complaints about solicitors. Last year he questioned whether the "one-person practice might not be becoming something of an anachronism".

Then in October the President of the Law Society, Derek Bradbeer, told the society's conference in Vienna that one-man firms were the butt of a certain amount of adverse publicity and were responsible for most of the claims paid out of the society's compensation fund.

Out of a recent sample of complaints to the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau, 20 per cent referred to one-man firms and out of a sample of matters before the bureau's adjudication committee, 34 per cent concerned solo practitioners.

He cited other figures: of a recent sample of cases before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, 48 per cent related to solo practitioners; and taking only tribunal cases which involved dishonesty or deceit, 40 per cent related to one-man firms.

Derek Bradbeer acknowledged such statistics can be highly misleading. The majority of claims on the compensation fund relate to the defaults of one-man firms because where a partner similarly defaults, the society's indemnity fund carries at least part of the risk, with the compensation fund picking up only the uninsured amount.

None the less the Law Society must take steps, he said, to maintain the public's confidence in such solicitors and protect the profession's name.

He said the society had set up a committee to consider "means of assisting" one-man firms and he spelled out some possible measures: such solicitors might be encouraged to enter into partnership or other arrangements for sharing facilities with other firms.

Another measure - aimed particularly at younger firms - might be to call for half-yearly accountants' reports for the first three years of a new practice.

Concerns are not only being voiced within the profession. Some building societies, which operate panels of approved solicitors for house buyers, are not happy about accepting the one-man firm on to such panels.

The Town and Country Building Society has decided not to recruit any more of them to its panel, while happy to keep those it already has; while another society, Chemical Bank Home Loans, says it has reluctantly had to exclude one-man firms from its panel, because of problems of insurance cover for them.

Life is certainly not easy for the one-man firm and is getting no easier with soaring overheads, the proliferation of new statutes and new technology.

Those in practice on their own account have the satisfaction of being answerable to no one but the client. Many choose the solicitors' profession just because it enables them to work in this way; by temperament, they are individualists, best suited to operating on their own.

It also can be an ideal form of practice for married women with children; some set up in an office from or near home, and in this way can combine a career with children.

But the other side of the coin is the enormous strain of having no one else to consult with. Two-thirds of solo practitioners do not employ assistant solicitors.

Stanley Best, a one-man firm in Torrington, Devon, and a former chairman of the British Legal Association, says: "You have no one to discuss things with or to stand in for you when you are out, as I have to be quite a lot as I specialise in litigation. When you are away, things mount up like an unexploded time bomb. You just manage to clear the desk and when you come back it's groaning again." As for holidays, he says these are

impossible unless, like him, you remain at the end of a telephone.

Another solo practitioner in central London said: "You are vulnerable to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Holidays are difficult and the workload can easily become excessive - there is no limit. To keep up with legal developments could be extremely costly unless one had access to a legal library close by, he added.

But for the client, there are still many advantages in the one-man firm. Many clients prefer the one-to-one approach, he added. "The individual is not shunted down the line, down a conveyor belt to some clerk 10 paces removed from the partner; the client gets the individual attention of the solicitor all the time."

In rural parts of the country, too, some people would have no access to legal advice were it not for the one-man firm. Their demise would leave large tracts of the country, as well as less popular inner city wastelands, uncovered by legal services.

Another problem such firms face is the trend of specialization. As law becomes more complex and diverse, it is more difficult for the general practitioner - the equivalent of the family doctor who does a little of everything - to survive.

Already there are recognized panels of solicitors who do work in specific fields such as child care law and mental health. And the Government is proposing that only members of legal aid panels should be able to do legal aid work.

Andrew Keenan, a one-man firm specializing in criminal legal aid, sees a future for one-man firms only as specialists. But Best, although himself a specialist in professional negligence litigation, disagrees. In rural areas, it would be impossible for most one-man firms to survive unless they undertook a range of work.

So what is to be done? The British Legal Association, whose numbers have been boosted in recent months by some 200 one-man firms anxious about the future, are determined to oppose proposals that they should form partnerships or have their books inspected frequently. The issue will be a key topic of debate at their next conference in March.

"Solicitors have got to make their voices heard on this and other issues", Stanley Best says. "Many one-man firms do not want to be pushed into partnerships. They have chosen to be on their own because they do not like the materialistic attitude increasingly common in the bigger firms. To suggest, as people are doing, that they are on their own because they are not acceptable to others is absurd."

Such a solicitor, the B.L.A. says, "in his grubby office does far more for the maintenance of justice than the wealthy solicitor in his palatial surroundings".

Saker v Secretary of State for Social Services

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Staughton [Judgment January 15]

A fact was a material fact for the purposes of reviewing a medical decision under section 110 of the Social Security Act 1975 if it was a fact which would have influenced the judgment of the body making the decision in the sense that it was one to which it would have wished to direct its mind.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the claimant, Edward John Saker, from the decision of a social security commissioner on October 6, 1986, which set aside a decision of a medical appeal tribunal dated January 28, 1985.

On the ground that the tribunal was not entitled to review a medical board decision of February 4, 1981, on the claimant's claim for industrial disablement benefit.

Mr Robin Allen for the claimant, Mr Duncan Ouseley for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that in March 1980 the claimant had suffered an injury at work and fractured the head of the radius of his right arm. In February 1981, on his claim for industrial disablement benefit, a medical board had assessed his disability because of the injury at 3 per cent for life.

When making up their minds they should be aware that it was open to them to subscribe to the settlement scheme and at the same time avail themselves of the arbitration procedure which his Lordship had announced in December.

That would enable such a plaintiff to contend that he or she was entitled to compensation under the scheme or to question the amount, on the basis that his or her particular injuries had been erroneously assessed.

That arbitration procedure would, with the consent of the Lord Chief Justice, be undertaken by the court, and Lilly would not be involved.

It therefore followed that the arbitration process would not involve any confrontation with Lilly. Its sole purpose was to discover whether, as a result of a revised assessment undertaken by the court, a particular plaintiff was entitled to a share or larger share of the total sum made available in the settlement.

His Lordship had also been asked to clarify the position of various solicitors involved in the settlement. They included the Lilly solicitors, the leading firms acting for the majority of the Open plaintiffs

Material fact is one which might influence judgment of tribunal

and of which, he contended, the medical board had been unaware so that it had reached its decision in ignorance of a material fact.

The appeal tribunal relied on two documents which had come into existence between the commissioner before the first board and the review board, but there had been a letter before the first board which referred to both conditions.

Under section 112 of the Act there was no appeal to the commissioner on a point of law. The question whether in any particular case there was fresh evidence justifying a review was a pure question of fact. Since it was common ground before the tribunal that there was fresh evidence it was not surprising it reached the view it did.

The question was whether in doing so it could be said that it misapplied section 110, that it applied an erroneous test.

His Lordship could not accept that a fact could only be a material fact if it would have made a difference to the result. A fact was material for the purposes of section 110 if it was a fact which would have influenced the judgment of the medical board.

The correct test was whether the medical board was in ignorance of a fact to which it would have wished to direct its mind. That was essentially the test applied by the appeal tribunal.

In his Lordship's conclusion, the tribunal was entitled to find that there was a fact of which the board had been ignorant, namely, the confirmed or definite diagnosis of cervical spondylosis, and there was no ground on which the commissioner could disturb the first part of its decision.

As to the second part of the decision, the appeal tribunal had given no reasons for reaching the same conclusion as the medical board despite the new evidence, and it was conceded that that was an error of law.

Accordingly, the case would be remitted to a differently constituted medical appeal tribunal, the secretary of state having undertaken, in order to meet the difficulty of a complete rehearing in accordance with regulation 36(4) of the Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations (SI 1986 No 2218), not to submit to that tribunal that there were no grounds for a review under section 110.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS, concurring, said that a material fact was one which, had it been known, would have called for serious consideration by the board and might well have affected its decision.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr Christopher Dalton, Baxters; Treasury Solicitor.

Criticism of Open solicitors unjustified

Davies (Joseph Owen) v ELL Lilly and Others (No 3)

Before Mr Justice Hirst [Judgment January 14]

Criticism of solicitors involved in the Open litigation for accepting a term that those representing clients in the settlement should not act for potential Open plaintiffs outside the settlement was unjustified.

Mr Justice Hirst said in the Queen's Bench Division, in clarifying the position of those solicitors, that such a term was in no way a breach of the Solicitors' Practice Rules.

Mr John Melville Williams, QC, for the plaintiffs; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC, and Mr Michael Spencer for the Lilly defendants; Mr Justin Fenwick for the government defendants.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said he welcomed the announcement that the settlement with those Open plaintiffs (numbering over thousands) who had accepted Lilly's offer was to be effective and that they would receive substantial interim payments.

His Lordship urged those 200 or so plaintiffs who had not yet responded to the offer to do so during the next three weeks in their own best interests.

When making up their minds they should be aware that it was open to them to subscribe to the settlement scheme and at the same time avail themselves of the arbitration procedure which his Lordship had announced in December.

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and some 200 other firms who had accepted the terms of the offer on behalf of their clients.

Part of the terms of the offer had been that the financial details, both globally and individually, should be kept confidential.

There was nothing unusual in a term of that kind, nor in seeking to ensure that such confidentiality was preserved by proposing limitations on the solicitors acting for persons with a similar claim to whom the settlement did not apply.

His Lordship had been informed that public criticism had been advanced against the solicitors for declining to act for potential Open plaintiffs who were outside the scope of the settlement.

It was commonplace for solicitors, and indeed other professional people, to have to decline to represent, or to continue to represent, a potential or actual client: that could arise because of a possible conflict of interest between the two, or alternatively, because of a possible conflict between those duties the solicitor would owe to each if he acted for both.

The dangers of a solicitor opening himself to such conflicts had frequently been

emphasized by the courts; see, for example, the Court of Appeal decision in *Moody v Cox and Hatt* ([1917] 2 Ch 71).

In the present case, the solicitors' perception was of a possible conflict between their duty to their existing Open clients to negotiate, and, if possible, to conclude the settlement under the seal of confidentiality, and their duty to potential new clients to give all available information.

They were also anxious to maintain their obligation of strict confidentiality relating to documents disclosed by Lilly on discovery solely within the ambit of the actions which fell within the co-ordinated arrangements.

That was not in any way unreasonable and his Lordship was not impressed by the suggestion that it was in some way a breach of the Solicitors' Practice Rules.

Solicitors: Pamone Napier; Davies Arnold & Cooper; Treasury Solicitor.

Correction

In *R v C.A.A., Ex parte Emery Air Freight Corporation* (*The Times* January 13) the word "defendant" in line 11 of the first paragraph should have read "defaulter".

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RACING: ELSWORTH BELIEVES STAMINA COULD PROVE TRUMP CARD FOR HIS FLAMBOYANT GREY IN COMPETITIVE ASCOT FEATURE

Desert Orchid on right course to give vintage performance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With £25,000 added, the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot today has all the makings of being the best two-mile event run so far this season.

The field is headed by Pearlyman, winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase over the same distance at Cheltenham last season.

That flamboyant grey Desert Orchid is next in the handicap followed by Long Engagement and Panto Prince, who have both been successful over this course and distance this season. Towney Stone and the recent Newbury winner Clay Hill make up the party.

In going up on Desert Orchid, I am banking on his unusual blend of speed and stamina being triumphant again on a course which has already yielded seven victories.

David Elsworth's lovable horse has always been at his most effective racing right-handed as opposed to Cheltenham where he has tended to lose with the wrong leg and get unbalanced.

At Cheltenham last March, Desert Orchid was beaten roughly three lengths by Pearlyman. Yesterday, Elsworth said that he is more than hopeful his horse will take his revenge now that he meets Pearlyman on 3lb better terms on a right-handed park course.

Elsworth went on to say that Desert Orchid appears to be as good as ever despite that hard race in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day and he thinks that it will be his stamina which will prove the trump card at the end of what should be a truly-run race on heavy ground.

Desert Orchid is also 10lb better off with Long Engagement for that three lengths defeat at Sandown in December.

On a point of handicapping Towney Stone is arguably the most leniently treated. He will be meeting Panto Prince on 17lb better terms than when they clashed during the last meeting and both Pearlyman and Desert Orchid on 28lb better terms compared with

their Queen Mother Chase meeting.

On that occasion Towney Stone was 25 lengths adrift in fourth place.

Good horse that he was three seasons ago, Towney Stone has been plagued by more than his fair share of problems since. Nevertheless, he will be hard to beat off ten stone at his best.

However, I prefer to rely upon Desert Orchid, who is still in his prime.

Otherwise, it could pay to follow Brendan Powell riding Rebel Song (12.45) and The West Awake (2.55) for Oliver Sherwood.

Rebel Song, my selection for the Philip Morris Novices Hurdle, looked a hot prospect at Kempton on Boxing Day when he finished only fourth behind Biloxi Blues. Today's longer distance should suit him better.

In Upper Lambourn that winner of last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle will prove equal to the task because it took a horse of the class of Private Views to interrupt his winning ways at Newbury.

Mr Mossamer is preferred to Sun Rising, Clara Mountain and Chief Ironside for the Jock Scott Handicap Chase in the belief that he will cope with the heavy ground the best.

Kribensis (2.20) and Johnstone's Glory (3.30) are my selections for the two divisions of the Durham Ranger Novices' Hurdle.

The former was a decent handicapper on the Flat, who is reported to have jumped a high-cut bumper from Ireland, who is considered to be better than his disappointing third behind Vagador at Newbury.

At Newcastle, those hardy Annals Lady may find the concession of plenty of weight to the improving Mick's Star beyond them in the Pintail Handicap Chase.

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Dark Raven's participation in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham is still in doubt although his trainer, Dermot Weld, has yet to make a final decision.

"To be realistic the odds are against him getting to post," Weld said yesterday.

There is nothing seriously wrong with Dark Raven but Weld is afraid of breaking him down by putting him into strong work too quickly.

"He is still a young horse," Weld said, "and I would prefer to be able to wait until autumn when hopefully the minor leg problem will have yielded to treatment."

Dark Raven, a useful performer on the Flat, has never been beaten over jumps.

After some disappointing efforts over fences, Barney Barrett successfully reverted to hurdling at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting.

At Navan today he carries top weight of 12 stone in the President's Handicap Hurdle. Barrett may fall to the Paddy Mullins-trained Panto Prince, who finished fifth at Naas in the Ladbrokes last Saturday.

Akehurst expects Intuition to gain revenge at Newbury

By Michael Seely

Jamesmead and Intuition themselves at live owners for the £50,000 Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on February 13 when finishing first and second respectively in the Teal and Green Handicap Hurdle at a fogbound Ascot yesterday.

Rallying gamely under Graham Bradley's strong driving, David Elsworth's course specialist mastered Intuition halfway up the run-in to win by 1½ lengths with Menzies three lengths away third.

Prospect of another strong finish for the Feb 13 feature, disappointed when weakening from the third-last flight to finish well beaten.

The winner of the Gordon Carter Handicap on the Flat on the royal course last September, Jamesmead had never been enough behind Swinnet Gummer at Cheltenham's New Year meeting on his seasonal re-appearance over timber.

"I thought he might go well, and had a bit each-way, which was good on the afternoon," said Elsworth.

"He's got 9st 7lb in the Tote and has earned another crack at the race. He's been an unlucky horse all his life. Coughing prevented him from running in the Tote at Wincanton on Thursday, and in last year's Tote he broke a blood vessel behind the neck."

Active encouragement for the runner-up, Intuition, came from Reg Akehurst, the Epsom trainer, who was visibly fuming at the victory of Jamesmead over his own horse, Juven Light, and Tigerwood.

"He needed the race as he hadn't run since October," he said. "I think he's sure to turn the tables on the winner next time out."



Graham Bradley: in form with 89-1 Ascot double

High Knoll remains favourite at 6-1 for the big Newbury race with the sponsors. Protection, surprisingly, is still second choice in the market at 8-1. Both Jamesmead and Intuition are on offer at 20-1.

Frankington Court, Peter Walwyn's five-year-old, who has finished in front of High Knoll in two of their three encounters, was yesterday backed from 25-1 to 14-1, having been laid to lose £25,000.

Other news also came from Elsworth about Cavies Clow, the impressive conqueror of Ten Pins at Wincanton on Thursday. "He jumped brilliantly and loved the soft ground," said the trainer. "I'm going to send him to Cheltenham for the Holstein Plate Chase at Cheltenham on January 30."

Presbury Gold Cup £10,000 Cheltenham Park Cup trial is also the next race planned for Ten Pins and Kildimo.

Toby Balding, Kildimo's trainer, was in the money yesterday when Balding rode the first leg of an 89-1 double when bringing Burrenmore home 10

lengths clear of Greenbank Park in the Green Highlander Handicap Chase, after the favourite, Foyles, had blundered his chance away at the second fence from home.

"This is a really good horse," said the Weyhill trainer. "The trouble is he's got bad legs and it's difficult to keep him sound. We'll probably enter him for the Grand National, but his main objective will be the Scottish National, in which he finished third to Little Polveir last season."

Burrenmore is owned in partnership by Mr and Mrs Ernest Jones.

"Green Ruby was one of the first horses I bought for them, and we won both the Stewards' Cup and the Ayr Gold Cup."

Josh Gifford, out of luck with Foyles, was in Yorkshires looking at potential jumpers. But the Findon trainer certainly hit the jackpot when Richard Rowe rode Saffron Lord to an impressive and highly promising first-time-out victory over fences in the afternoon's big race, the £15,000 Thunder and Lightning Novices Chase.

"Obviously the sky must be the limit," said Aston Pearson, the assistant trainer. "But it was only fifty-fifty whether he ran or not, and I nearly took him out because of the soft going. He's obviously got enormous potential at this game, and will be entered in races like the Arkle Challenge Trophy at the National Hunt Festival."

Saffron Lord, extremely useful over hurdles, finished fourth to Swinnet Gummer last time out at Cheltenham, and looks like proving a bargain for John Holmes, who gave just under £10,000 for the three-year-old out of Les Kennard's Somerset stable last season.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Rebel Song. 2.20 Kribensis. 1.15 Desert Orchid (nap). 2.55 The West Awake. 1.45 Mr. Mossamer.

By Michael Seely

1.15 TOWNLEY STONE (nap). 2.20 Kribensis. 2.55 The West Awake.

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Cusworth tackles a tricky role

On overall points, Thompson shares the lead on 18 with J. Savage, of Melbourne. Jonsson is third on 18.7, while Curtis and Geoff Davidson, of Botany, share fourth place on 19 points.

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Bulstrode's own shareholders block QPR deal

By Dennis Signy

David Bulstrode, the chairman of Queen's Park Rangers since June, has had his £7.5 million offer to buy the club from Marler Estates — the property company of which he is also chairman — blocked by three powerful shareholders.

At an extraordinary general meeting of Marler Estates yesterday, 64 shareholders voted in favour of the self-off plan and only three against, but the three included David Thompson, the major shareholder in Marler with 28 per cent. Thompson's representative at the meeting said he was preparing to make a better offer for QPR.

Thompson, aged 51, is a businessman who owns 85 per

cent of Windsor Racecourse. Racing, rugby and football are his big sporting interests.

He intends to look at the QPR set up over the next few days and then make a proposition to Bulstrode and the Marler board. Although he sold half his shares in Hillsdown Holdings last year he still retains 15 per cent and is a director and major shareholder.

Bulstrode was clearly disappointed with the outcome of the meeting. His immediate response was: "This is tragic for Rangers to be put into a period of uncertainty again."

When Bulstrode took over from Jim Gregory at Rangers

on May 29 last year he promised supporters that he would separate it from the property company, which also owns Chelsea's ground at Stamford Bridge and Craven Cottage, the home of Fulham. Before that there was considerable opposition to his plan with Gregory to merge Fulham, where Bulstrode was then chairman, with QPR as Fulham Park Rangers.

Before Christmas Bulstrode announced that another of his companies, Chaseglade plc, had exchanged contracts with Marler and SB Property Company Limited, the subsidiary that paid Gregory £5.8 million for QPR, to buy the club.

The proposal was a £6 million cash deal, with SB additionally keeping £1.5 million in shares in Chaseglade. Bulstrode was to pay a deposit of £300,000 and then have until March 31, 1989 to pay the balance. He intended floating QPR shares on the stock market during that time and promised to put at least £1 million of his own money into the club.

No prior notice of opposition to the Bulstrode proposals had been given.

Once again the future of the three west London clubs, Rangers, Chelsea and Fulham, through the involvement of Marler Estates, seems to have been thrown into the balance.

Rangers must wait and see whether David Thompson can persuade Marler shareholders to sell to him and then discover what plans he might have for the ground and the football club. The Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates is currently trying to raise enough money to buy the freehold of Stamford Bridge to allow a redevelopment of the site and secure the future of the club. Fulham, now owned by a consortium of businessmen led by Jimmy Hill, only hold a short term lease on Craven Cottage.

Pakistan report blames Gatting

Lahore (Reuters) — A Pakistani inquiry commission on incidents in the second Test in Faisalabad during England's tour of Pakistan, has criticized both Mike Gatting, the England captain, and Peter Lush, the tour manager.

The report, made public at a news conference here yesterday, said Lush's criticisms of the umpiring after the first Test had caused tension. The two-man inquiry commission, appointed by the Board for the Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), also criticized Shaukat Rana, the Pakistani umpire, for becoming involved in a slanging match with Gatting in the second Test, but kept his harshest words for Gatting.

"Mr Gatting's conduct, irrespective of the provocation, amounted to unacceptable behaviour and cannot be condoned," it said. "His conduct went beyond dissent and damaged the dignity and authority of the umpire."

Rana refused to continue until Gatting apologized, and more than a day's play was lost before he obliged, under orders from the Test and County Cricket Board.

General Saifur Butt, president of the BCCP, also criticized Lush during the news conference. "The manager of the England team should have realised that the umpires' authority is supreme and persuaded his captain to get on with it before the orders came from the TCCB," he said.

The commission said no matter what the England players' opinion of the standard of umpiring, the umpires were the sole arbiters of what was fair and unfair play. Gatting and Rana had admitted using abusive language, but accused each other of doing so first.

While condemning the England captain, it added: "Shaukat Rana should not have got involved in a slanging match with Gatting. He was the officiating umpire and should have exerted his authority rather than become a party to a verbal brawl." CHRISTCHURCH — England's cricketers had hardly touched New Zealand soil here yesterday before they were plunged back into the controversy over the Pakistan tour (the Press Association reports). Peter Lush, the manager, said that Lahore, Faisalabad, and Shaukat Rana were all history as far as England were concerned.

However, Lush did comment on new allegations from Pakistan that, to suit his own cause, Gatting refused to make public a letter of regret sent to him by Shaukat after the Faisalabad affair.

"It was not a letter of apology which we were expecting, and therefore we saw little point in publishing it," Lush said. "The Pakistan tour is finished and we want it dead and buried." Gatting, and the management team of Micki Stewart and Lush held have arranged to have a players' meeting yesterday, of which Gatting said: "We will be reminding the players of their responsibilities, as we always do. There will be a general warning about what is expected."

The England party were immediately in action when they launched themselves into a warm-up exercises session. Normally a tour to New Zealand starts with a relaxing day or two but not even a punishing 31-hour flight from London could deter the England management.

"If I was running for a 3,000m world record, I wouldn't tackle it indoors, I'd probably go to New Zealand at this time of year," Coe said yesterday. "But this is an opportunity to break the training routine."

A runner of Coe's status would probably command more than £8,000 per race in the United States, and he should reasonably expect, even in the middle of his winter strength training, to be more successful than Steve Ovett was in his first transatlantic indoor.

Coe is a more-than-competent 3,000m runner. He has won the 3,000m regularly at the distance at Cosford, and won the AAA indoor championship in his best time of 7min 54.32sec two years ago.

Clubs summoned on membership

By John Goodbody

The Football League and the Government are to interview at least eight clubs — including two from the first division — that have failed to satisfy the agreement over club membership schemes.

The clubs are Southampton, Wimbledon, Barnsley, Fulham, Darlington, Tranmere Rovers, Wrexham and Scarborough. The provisional dates for the interviews are February 4 at the Department of the Environment for the southern clubs and March 21 at Old Trafford for those from the north.

The clubs will have to explain why they have failed either to have membership schemes for 50 per cent of home spectator accommodation, or have not provided written evidence from their local police that this could increase hooliganism.

Chelsea had originally been on the list, but they have protested that they have received police clearance.

With League clubs hoping to be readmitted to next season's European competitions, the Football League is anxious to show UEFA, the European governing body, that it is doing everything it can to reduce the chances of crowd violence.

In October the League, the Football Association and representatives of the police and the Government discussed the controversial membership scheme, which was originally agreed in February 1986 to cover 50 per cent of each ground's capacity.

However, due to a misunderstanding, the clubs began working to a far smaller proportion, namely 50 per cent of home spectator accommodation, although several local police forces still advised many clubs in writing that membership schemes even at this level might provoke violence, particularly by causing a late rush of spectators.

Coe races in from the cold to get on track for Seoul

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Sebastian Coe leaves today for seven weeks' warm-weather training in Florida, punctuated with at least two indoor races, as part of his winter preparation towards an unprecedented third Olympic 1,500 metres gold medal next October.

That aim means that Coe has cut back on some of his work as vice-chairman of the Sports Council, but if he wins another Olympic gold in Seoul — and no one but Coe has ever won two successive Olympic 1,500m — then he would have proved himself with the perfect culmination of a sporting career, and could be on the point of departure for a political one.

Coe, who has not raced since June last year due to injury, will definitely run two

3,000m indoor races at the Vitalis meeting in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on February 13; and at the Los Angeles Times meeting at Inglewood, California, seven days later. He has the option then of competing in the United States championships the following week at Madison Square Garden, New York.

In the past, Coe has been wary of running indoors on anything less than 200-metre circuits, like the ones at Cosford and Kelvin Hall, which are eight laps to the mile. But he has, in the case of East Rutherford, at least chosen the best surface and widest bend of the board tracks on the north American circuit. The New Jersey track at the Meadowlands is 10 laps to the mile, while most of the other tracks are 11.

Odsal's future in doubt

By Martin Seaby

Odsal stadium, the vast bowl on the outskirts of Bradford, could return to its origins as a rubbish tip, despite the injection of £4 million over the last three years.

Celebrated as the sports stadium of the future when it opened in 1934, Odsal, which holds the record for the largest attendance at an English sporting event — 102,575 watched the 1954 Rugby League cup final between Halifax and Warrington — has become a white elephant.

A further £20 million would be required to bring its facilities up to an acceptable standard.

Bradford Northern, lying second in the championship table, have difficulty in attracting more than 4,000 spectators to their rugby league matches and they want to share Bradford City's stadium, rebuilt after the fire at a cost of £2.5 million.

The football club, under Jack Todd, the new chairman, would be happy to accommodate the rugby club, so long as they had the financial backing of the local council to develop the Midland Road side of their ground into a 6,000-seater stand suitable for first division football.

The cost, estimated at £4 million, could be recouped, it has been argued, from the use of Odsal as a tip.

A veritable prince in peasant's rags

From John Hennessy, Prague

Alexander Fadeyev, clad like a kind of capitalist peasant in glittering rags, established a strong base here yesterday from which to win his third European figure skating championship. He won the short programme of the men's competition on what the boxing fraternity would call a split decision, by six judges to three, from his compatriot, Viktor Petrenko, and can afford to finish only second in tonight's free skating to win the title.

For a former world champion and potential Olympic champion at Calgary next month that is not too ambitious a prospect. Both skaters executed clean triple axels in the combination jump and performed the other six required elements without flaw.

Vladimir Kotin made it a clean sweep for the Soviet Union to retain second place overall and Petrenko has risen from fifth to third to continue that country's remorseless domination of these championships, with the glowing exception of Katarina Witt, winner of the women's event for East Germany the night before.

Paul Robinson made it an occasion, rare this week, when the British camp did not have to hide its head with embarrassment. He chose the triple flip for the combination, not an easy jump, if less demanding than the triple axel, or, for most people, the triple lutz, which was executed with panache by Kotin.

Condemned to the middle group of skaters yesterday as a result of his modest placing in the compulsory figures, Robinson could not have expected the judges to be over-generous with the marks, ranging as high as 5.4, were perfectly acceptable. As a result, he rose two places to eleventh and has a realistic hope of finishing in the top 10 for the first time.

Miss Witt, the world and Olympic champion, added a sixth European title to her glittering array of triumphs. She was a class above every other skater on the ice and easily overtook Kira Ivanova, of the Soviet Union, who had led overnight on the strength of her compulsory figures.

Joanne Conway, the British champion, had another disastrous experience. She fell on her first two attempts at triple jumps, salchow and toe loop, but was able to put one nice triple salchow in the bag later in the programme. This performance pulled her down to tenth place overall, the position she had achieved in the world championship last year.

RESULTS: Men's short programme: 1. A. Fadeyev (USSR), 10.10; 2. V. Petrenko (USSR), 9.8; 3. A. Petrenko (USSR), 9.5; 4. P. Robinson (GB), 5.4; 5. G. Filizova (GB), 5.4; 6. R. Zander (GER), 5.2; 7. V. Kovtun (USSR), 5.0; 8. P. Barny (GB), 4.9; 9. R. Burghart (Austria), 4.8; 10. A. Medvedev (USSR), 4.7; 11. S. Thurner (Austria), 4.6. Free skating: 1. K. Witt (GER), 10.10; 2. A. Kovtun (USSR), 9.8; 3. A. Filizova (GB), 9.5; 4. A. Medvedev (USSR), 9.4; 5. G. Filizova (GB), 9.3; 6. A. Petrenko (USSR), 9.2; 7. A. Kovtun (USSR), 9.1; 8. A. Filizova (GB), 9.0; 9. A. Kovtun (USSR), 8.9; 10. A. Kovtun (USSR), 8.8; 11. A. Kovtun (USSR), 8.7. Total: 1. K. Witt (GER), 20.20; 2. A. Kovtun (USSR), 19.90; 3. A. Filizova (GB), 19.60; 4. A. Kovtun (USSR), 19.50; 5. G. Filizova (GB), 19.40; 6. R. Zander (GER), 19.30; 7. V. Kovtun (USSR), 19.20; 8. P. Barny (GB), 19.10; 9. R. Burghart (Austria), 19.00; 10. A. Medvedev (USSR), 18.90; 11. S. Thurner (Austria), 18.80.



Treat of Versailles: Orwin enjoys lineout ball in England's practice yesterday near Paris

No war games on field of play, RFU warns

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The five nations' rugby championship begins in Paris and Dublin today with an appeal from John Burgess, the president of the Rugby Football Union, that the players involved should not treat the championship as a substitute for war.

Burgess, mindful of how the image of the game saw-sawed in 1987 from the hostility of the Wales-England encounter in Cardiff (after which England suspended four players for one match) to the grandeur of Scotland's two games with France in March and May and the outstanding moments of the World Cup (which also featured another drab display by England and Wales), said this week: "This game of ours is not a war."

"Some people treat it like one but it is a game of enjoyment and must be played as such, without any fifth. I am concerned there is

too much emotion in the game and when that emotion spills over it makes our game a little bitter."

Burgess will be in Paris for the 63rd encounter between France and England. Mike Harrison, the England captain, is convinced that his men will rise to the occasion. "The French team has been together for two years and we've had to work hard to try to match that cohesion, but the spirit of this team is magnificent."

"We are going out there with a very positive attitude. We will take the game to the French because if you come to Paris aiming to defend you play right into their hands. I'm confident we can play well — and win. We've got the players to dictate to them and play the game at our own pace. Their reputation won't mean a thing once the game starts."

Harrison points to

Cusworth's partnership with Melville as a match-winning force. "They are both experienced decision-makers and having them around makes life easier for me," he said. "They are the heart of the team. Nigel is not afraid to boss the forwards around and Les calls the shots and sets everything in motion. They will have a big influence on the game."

Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, says he is prepared to sacrifice style to guarantee success. "The aim of the French team is to win and play well, but in that order," he said. "This is not the ideal world and you cannot just play well and lose and accept that. That is the great French decision."

The two countries also meet at B level on an adjoining pitch three hours before the main attraction.

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Hardest part still to come

From Iain Macleod, Bad Kleinerchirchheim, Austria

Martin Bell rose yesterday to discover that, as a British skier in an Alpine stronghold, he was being feted on the sports pages of every Austrian newspaper.

Bell's performances here on Thursday — unprecedented first and second places in the two practice runs for today's men's world cup downhill and a 15-minute session conversing in German with central European journalists — had given him star status, at least for one day.

However, 29th place — still ahead of five seeded skiers, in yesterday's sole run — kept Bell's feet firmly on the ground. "I was taking a little easier today, and I think it had taken the pressure off a little," he said. Bell, though, like the

rest of us, knows that the hardest part is yet to come.

For whatever the reality of Bell's position as a lowlander among the Alpine elite, to head his illustrious fellow competitors even in practice, will again focus public expectation on the need for a fine talent to finally fulfil his potential by winning a world cup race.

Bell, however, is sufficiently realistic to play down any sort of glory and acknowledge that the events on race day are a vastly different matter.

"I am certainly skiing as well as I was two years ago. But I will be satisfied with a place in the top ten," he said. Bad Kleinerchirchheim,

which has staged this weekend's races at only nine days' notice, is surprisingly well organized. Yet the Carinthian region, which is close to the Yugoslav border, is no better off for snow than most other Austrian venues.

Although there is snow on the north face of the mountain, the south side of the valley protrudes abnormally with conditions which are more reminiscent of autumn. Thirty truck loads of snow had to be brought in from a neighbouring resort. Bell, hopeful that, with so much soft snow on the course, the colder conditions forecast overnight will prove to be correct.

The refusal to sanction the team's Olympic application has been a bitter blow for Mo Hammond, manager of the British team, who will be president of the Olympic jury in Calgary.

"Whatever has happened to the Olympic principle that competing is more important than winning," Hammond asked. "The Irish lads are certainly not no-hopers. They made steady progress all the way and personally I can't understand any attempt to stop them competing in Calgary."

Tracy, however, suspects the fact he has recruited four members of the Irish Olympic rowing squad from the Neptune Rowing Club in Dublin, could be somewhere near the root of the issue.

"It's no secret that the rowing club don't like the idea of the lads bobbleheading," he said. "It also just happens that the president of the Irish Olympic council, Des O'Sullivan, is a member of the Neptune rowing club."

"When we heard our application had been turned down it hit us like a bombshell. We had just finished first, second and fourth in a race in Calgary between countries without their own tracks, and were so certain of getting the all-clear, that we left our sleds in Calgary ready for the Olympics. But if we can get a good enough result in Cervinia this weekend I am still hoping the council will change their mind."

Fate, however, seems to have intervened again during practice. Tracy's brakeman, the deceased, Cormac Smith, has had 10 stitches in his hand after slipping on the ice, and is out of today's two-man race, as is the Irish No. 2 brakeman, Sean Tunney, who suffered knee injuries when Jim Cassidy overtook on Thursday.

Rally ban is upheld

Per Eklund, the Swedish driver, and David Whittock, his British navigator, lost their final appeal before the International Automobile Federation (FIA) against disqualification from the Lombard RAC rally in November.

After the pair finished second, the inlet manifolds on their Audi Quattro were found to be illegal. The decision confirmed third place for the Britons Jimmy McRae and Ian Grindrod (Ford Sierra).

Manager back Gerard Houllier has been appointed manager of Paris St Germain, the French first division club. He was replaced by Erick Mombaerts in October, and made general manager, but the club's board reinstated him and named Mombaerts as his assistant.

33 years on

Mercedes Benz will officially take part in motor races for the first time since 1954, when a car driven by the Frenchman, Pierre Levegh, crashed and flew into a crowd at the Le Mans 24-hour race killing 82 people.

Bowled over

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club are seeking an overseas player to replace Craig McDermott, the Australian opening bowler, who needs a knee operation at the end of the Australian season and will be unavailable to the county. The Queensland player, aged 22, has daily physiotherapy to enable him to bowl.

Racing change

The Mexican Formula One Grand Prix has been brought forward a week, to May 29 from June 5. FISA, the governing body of motor-racing, confirmed yesterday.

Phoenix shift

William Bidwell, who owns St Louis Cardinals, has told the NFL he wants to move the American Football team to Phoenix, Arizona, before the start of next season.

Swift change

Lloyd Christie, the British light-welterweight champion, will now face Tim Burgess, of New York, in a bout in Birmingham on January 19, after Joey Ferrell his original opponent, withdrew on Thursday without giving reason.

First third

Norman Dagle, the holder of the World, European and UK professional billiards titles, begins the defence of his triple crown at the Strachans UK championships in Middlesbrough from January 17 to 21.

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Decision which slays the Irish

From Chris Moore, Cervinia

Irish sportsmen are renowned for their hard luck stories but few can rival the latest tale of woe to emanate from, of all people, the Irish bobblehead team.

Formed 18 months ago, they have since been officially ratified by the sports governing body, the Federation of International Bobbleheading and Tobogganing, and have competed regularly on the European circuit, including in last year's world championships in St Moritz.

Financed entirely by private means, they were all set to become the first ever Irish team to compete in the winter Olympic Games next month until being informed recently that their entry for Calgary had been blocked and rejected. Not by the FIIBT, nor by the Olympic organizing committee, but by their own Irish Olympic council.

Paying penalty for past Irish entries

Exactly why remains something of a mystery. But it would appear they are paying the penalty for past below-par performances of Irish entries in summer Olympic competition.

"We have appealed against the decision and are prepared to take our case to the Irish Minister of Sport if necessary," the Marlow mill-bowling, Larry Tracy, said. He is the founder of the Irish Bobblehead Association, and has invested around £100,000 of his own money in the team.

Offers of support have come from the likes of John Dizon, the first Irish brakeman of Britain's 1964 Olympic champion, Tony Nash, who has offered to speak to the Irish Olympic council on the team's behalf. And there was also talk here last night, on the eve of today's final round of the Foster's world cup series, of a personal approach to Lord Killanin, the former president of the International Olympic Committee.

"I cannot imagine we would have received the same sort of negative attitude from our own Olympic council in his day," Tracy said.

"The main criteria we came up against after submitting our application was that we must finish in the top third of competition, which is a ridiculous target. We have raced against 14 other B nations this season and beaten 10 of them. Yet all the others, including New Zealand, Bulgaria, Romania, Portugal, the Virgin Islands and Monaco, are all going to be competing in Calgary."

The refusal to sanction the team's Olympic application has been a bitter blow for Mo Hammond, manager of the British team, who will be president of the Olympic jury in Calgary.

"Whatever has happened to the Olympic principle that competing is more important than winning," Hammond asked. "The Irish lads are certainly not no-hopers. They made steady progress all the way and personally I can't understand any attempt to stop them competing in Calgary."

Tracy, however, suspects the fact he has recruited four members of the Irish Olympic rowing squad from the Neptune Rowing Club in Dublin, could be somewhere near the root of the issue.

"It's no secret that the rowing club don't like the idea of the lads bobbleheading," he said. "It also just happens that the president of the Irish Olympic council, Des O'Sullivan, is a member of the Neptune rowing club."

Tracy hopes for change of heart

"When we heard our application had been turned down it hit us like a bombshell. We had just finished first, second and fourth in a race in Calgary between countries without their own tracks, and were so certain of getting the all-clear, that we left our sleds in Calgary ready for the Olympics. But if we can get a good enough result in Cervinia this weekend I am still hoping the council will change their mind."

Fate, however, seems to have intervened again during practice. Tracy's brakeman, the deceased, Cormac Smith, has had 10 stitches in his hand after slipping on the ice, and is out of today's two-man race, as is the Irish No. 2 brakeman, Sean Tunney, who suffered knee injuries when Jim Cassidy overtook on Thursday.